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Russia Hides Its Work on Poison Gas, U.S. Asserts

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By Michael R. Gordon

New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — Russia is conceal ing efforts to develop advanced chemical weapons, despite its pledge to disclose details of its poison gas program to the United States, according to Clinton administra-

That assessment illustrates the problems that Washington has in dealing with the new Russia, as Moscow has pledged to cooperate with the West, but has been dragging its feet on putting some important arms control accords into effect.

It also has important ramifications for the Senate, which is considering whether to approve a global treaty banning poison gas. Suspicions about Russia's poison gas program and Moscow's difficulties in devising an effective plan to destroy the stocks—at 40,000 tons, the largest arsenal in the world - have become an important issue in the Senate debate.

Administration officials said Washington's concerns arose in recent weeks when Russian and U.S. officials carried out a long-planned exchange of data on their past efforts to develop, produce and stockpile chemical weapons.

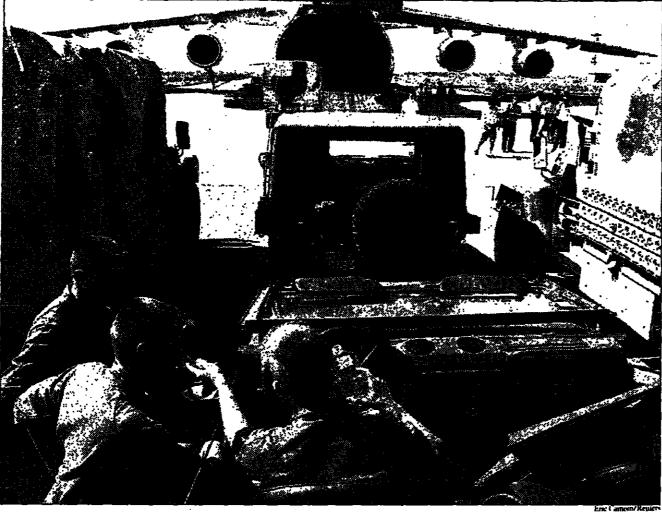
Administration officials looked forward to receiving the information - the most comprehensive accounting of the Russian chemical weapons program — with more than usual interest: U.S. intelligence has long concluded that the Russians have worked to develop binary chemical weapons, but Moscow has never acknowledged the effort. Binary weapons are an advanced minition in which two different types of chemical agents are mixed together to produce a deadly type of poison gas.

"We have long believed the Russians have been pursuing a binary weapons ca-pability," a senior administration official said, referring to Russian efforts to devel-op and test the weapons.

[In Moscow, Reuters quoted a Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman as saying at a news briefing: "We have on numerous occasions clarified for the mass media and our partners that we have no such program with chemical weapons."

The U.S. concerns over Russia's chemiam were also underscored when Vil Mirzayanov, a Russian chemist, was charged by Russian authorities with re-vealing state secrets after he asserted that Moscow had not only developed binary

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French troops with equipment ready to board a transport plane Thursday in the south of France, on the way to Rwanda.

China Lauds North Korea, Others Unsure

By Lena Sun

BELJING - China on Thursday hailed as a "turning point" the decision of the United States and North Korea to resume talks on the stalemated question of Pyong-

yang's nuclear program.

Japan and South Korea welcomed the development with muted skepticism, while Russia was openly doubtful that the negotiations would succeed.

"Unfortunately, past experience of bi-lateral contacts with North Korea hardly inspires much hope," said Alexander Panov, a deputy Russian foreign minister. Their talks with the United States were disrupted three times this year, and each time tensions increased."

A Chinese spokesman said Thursday that the U.S.-North Korean agreement, announced by President Bill Clinton on Wednesday might, vindicated China's position that negotiations - not sanctions were the "most fundamental way" for a

dîspute.

"We are happy to see these positive developments on the Korean nuclear issue. and appreciate the wise attitude and positive efforts by various parties concerned for the peaceful settlement of this issue." said Wi Jianmin, spokesman for the Foreign Ministry.

"We are very pleased to see that now there has been a turning point on this question." Mr. Wu said. He called for all parties to "value this opportunity" in upcoming discussions.

As outlined by President Clinton, the deal involves a North Korean commitment to freeze its nuclear program while talks with the United States on wider problems

As a counterpart, the Americans have agreed to suspend their push in the United Nations for sanctions against North Korea for thwarting inspection of its nuclear

"peaceful and proper" settlement of the sites, suspected of involvement in an arms

program.
China has been the only one of the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council consistently to oppose sanctions against Pyongyang, its ally. In Beijing's view, sanctions could trigger the collapse of the beleaguered North Korean leadership, creating turmoil along

China's borders. As a result, Beijing deserves some of the credit for helping to resolve the impasse, the Chinese spokesman declared.

"Ever since this nuclear question cropped up, China has resolutely insisted that this question be resolved through dialogue instead of through exerting pressure," he said. "I believe this is an impor-

In his remarks, the Chinese spokesman made no mention of North Korea's promise to freeze its nuclear program. He declined to say whether China believed the

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French Troops Cross **Border Into Rwanda**

Relief Mission Risks Clashes With Rebels

By Keith B. Richburg

NAIROBI - Small advance teams of French combat troops crossed into Rwanda on Thursday from neighboring Zaire, spearheading France's latest and perhaps most dangerous African expedition, which could see French soldiers drawn into one of the most savage of the continent's civil

The stated aim of the mission, called Operation Turquoise, is to provide humanitarian relief and protect members of Rwanda's minority Tutsi tribe, who have been targeted for genocide by Hutu extremists loyal to Rwanda's slain president, Juvénal Habyarimana.

About 8,000 Tutsis are now sheltered at a displaced-persons camp at Cyangugu town on Rwanda's western border with Zaire, and the French advance teams were said to be making an assessment of their needs and laying the groundwork for the main intervention force in the next two

[Reconnaissance units crossed the border from Goma in Zaire to Rwanda's Gisenyi region at around 1330 GMT, sources told Agence France-Presse in Paris. A second group crossed the border about 100 kilometers (about 6) miles) farther south at Bukavu in Zaire and were heading toward Cyangugu. The second group totaled up to 200 men in armored vehicles, backed by helicopters, military sources said.

[A senior French military official in Paris said the detachment "received a completely favorable welcome from local inhabitants," Reuters reported.]

Cyangugu has been designated as one of the key sites inside the country where Tutsis are still believed to be at risk from Rwandan government troops and their Hutu militia allies, who are deemed responsible for massacres that have left an estimated half-million people dead, most of them Tutsis. When the operation reaches its full

stage, about 600 French troops, including members of the Foreign Legion, Marines and infantry artillery units, are expected to cross from Bukavu into Cyangugu, backed

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CIA Proposal To Cut Back In Africa Is **Drawing Fire**

By Walter Pincus

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — A CIA plan to close 15 stations in Africa because of budget reductions is causing concern and drawing some criticism inside the government, in Congress and from retired members of the intelligence

The proposed cutback would have little effect on the Central Intelligence Agency's gathering of information in Africa, because the agency built up its presence on the continent during the Cold War primarily to recruit people to spy against Communist states, a senior CIA official said.

In Congress, however, the plan has added to apprehension that the CIA director, R. James Woolsey, favors technical operations, such as satellites, over human intelligence collection.

Over the past month, CIA officials have been briefing other government agencies and the congressional intelligence committees on the decision to withdraw 15 CIA station chiefs and dozens of case officers, who usually act under cover as U.S. Embassy offi-

"We have to rationalize our activities along with everyone else," the senior CIA official said, in defending the proposal.

"We have never been in Africa to report on Africa," the official noted. "We went into Africa as part of the covert activity of the Cold War, to recruit Soviet, Chinese, Eastern European and sometimes North Korean officials under circumstances that were easier to operate under than in their home countries." He was referring to officials recruited as spies.

One result of the proposed CIA action would be to reduce the U.S.

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GRANDSTAND WORLD CUP

Italy 1, Norway 0

Italy's World Cup nearly turned into a nightmare on Thursday when goalkeeper Gianluca Paglinca was sent off midway through the first half for handling the ball outside his area. But Dino Baggio put Italy in front with a diving header in the 68th minute and Norway could not score.

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If soccer does catch on in the United States, it began doing so in Pasadena, California, where an own-goal by Colombia and a shot by forward Ernie Stewart gave the United States its first victory in the finals since that 1-0 stunner against England on June 29, 1950.

The Colombians, a pretournament favorite, fell to 0-2 and were further battered by death threats from home that kept midfielder Gabriel Gómez out of the match.

A Cameroon Boycott?

The long-standing dispute between Cameroon's players and the national federation has come to a head, with the team threatening to boycott Friday's match against Brazil. The players reportedly have not been paid for two

Friday's matches: Mexico vs. Ireland, at Orlando, Florida, 1635 GMT; Brazili vs. Cameroon, at Stanford, California, 2005 GMT; Sweden vs. Russia, at Pontiac, Michigan, 2335 GMT. World Cup report: Pages 22 and 23

High and the Mighty, Across the U.S.



Alexi Lalas in a celebratory leap after the American soccer team defeated Colombia, 2-1, in a first-round World Cup match in Los Angeles. Page 22.

Hakeem Olajuwon led the Houston Rockets to a 90-84 victory over the New York Knicks for the National Basketball Association title. Page 20.



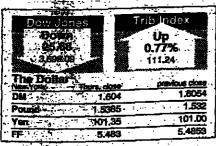
New Track for Toyota Chief

Deregulation Is Lobbying Goal in Japan

By Steven Brull

TOKYO - In the driver's seat at Japan's biggest car company, Shoichiro Toyoda empyed control bordering on the autocrafic. But since becoming chairman last manth of Keidanren, Japan's most powerful justiness lobby, the defacto lead-er of lapanese industry is still struggling to get a feel for the road.

In an interview Thursday, his eyes vected only reluctantly from a cattered briefingbook, from which he plucked platitudes about the importance of deregula-



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tion, corporate responsibility and the need to improve the lot of Japanese consumers. But Mr. Toyoda, who is also chairman of Toyota Motor Corp., acknowledged that running Keidanren, which groups more than 1,000 of Japan's biggest companies, will provide a new test of his skills. "I won't be able to apply too much of my experience from Toyota," said the soft-spoken but confident 69-year-old. "I've

got a lot of homework to do." Indeed, the road ahead for Mr. Toyoda will be all the more challenging because he must steer an organization that faces an identity crisis and declining influence.

The biggest blow to the organization came last year, when Mr. Toyoda's predecessor, Gaishi Hiraiwa, chairman of Tokyo Electric Power Co., decided it would stop paying billions of yen in political dona-tions, mostly to members of the scandal-plagued Liberal Democratic Party. That, combined with the end of Liberal Democratic governance after 38 years, dealt a blow to Keidanren's power and dented the so-called Iron Triangle of big business, politicians and bureaucrats.

Mr. Toyoda conceded that political donations had been a source of influence, but said the power was minimal relative to Keidanren's overall activities. In any event, he said, any losses would be offset by contributions by individual companies and industry associations as well as new activities that gained the support of members and consumers. Still, given the instability of Japanese politics, analysts say it is getting harder to know to whom donations

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Upsets Claim Edberg, Courier Two-time champion Stefan Edberg

and last year's runner-up, Jim Courier, became the latest upset victims Thursday at the Wimbledon tennis tournament

Edberg lost in five sets to 113thranked Kenneth Carlsen of Denmark. Courier, winner of four Grand Slams, was defeated by France's Guy Forget, who has been sidelined most of the past year after knee surgery. (Page 21)

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Is South Africa's Mr. Nice Guy Too Nice?

By Bill Keller

New York Times Service
JOHANNESBURG — Some imagined that President Nelson Mandela would be. Africa's Franklin D. Roosevelt, and a few predicted Fidel Castro. But who ever imagined that the first black president of South Africa would be Mister Rogers, the gentle uncle of American television?

And yet, the tone that Mr. Mandela has set in his first weeks as president is, in a word, nice. He is easygoing and unexcitable, comforting, never scolding, with friendly words for everyone, from disgruntled tribal elders to white racists.

He has blazed no dramatic policy trails, rocked no boats, demanded little from the affluent white minority and only patience from the black majority.

Already, just six weeks into Mr. Mandela's term, there are the first mutterings from admirers that the leader is too nice, too attentive to vested interests, that he has squandered an opportunity for a quick break with the past, and even that he has forgotten the wretched majority who elect-

"If the government has lost touch with the ordinary people after only a few weeks in office, heaven help us five years down the line," wrote Jon Owelane, a black editor and columnist known for his indepen-

No one in South Africa yearns for the hair-trigger anxiety that preceded Mr.
Mandela's election, and his popularity in
black townships remains euphorically high. Supporters argue that his emphasis on reconciliation is amassing goodwill and political IOUs that will serve him well when the time comes to call for national

But, Mr. Qwelane said, "reconciliation does not mean total capitulation."

commentators provoked by Mr. Mandela's decision not to declare a national holiday on June 16, the anniversary of the Soweto student uprising in 1976, which, especially in the minds of young blacks, is the country's real independence day. Business leaders said the economy had

suffered enough from quasi-official holi-days and workless celebrations of the new order, and Mr. Mandela agreed. But the decision prompted headlines like "How Quickly They Betray the People" and "A Government in Name Only.'

Worse, to some critics, Thabo Mbeki. Mr. Mandela's first vice president, chose that day to meet with white separatists and discuss their demands for an Afrikaner

Other incidents that have prompted See NICE, Page 4

'Dream House' on the Volga A Rich Gypsy's Residence Angers Neighbors

By Lee Hockstader

Washington Past Service
ZUBCHANINOVKA, Russia — The streets are not paved, the weeds are not trimmed and the neighbors are definitely not friendly. No matter. This is where Nikolai Panchenko has built his dream house.

Make that "dream castle." What else can you call Mr. Panchenko's colossal, turreted. walled-off brick mansion with its cavernous bedrooms, a sauna and swimming pool in the basement and stained glass windows up-

The marble entrance hall is big enough to accommodate a few hundred close friends under a massive crystal chandelier.

"Under the totalitarian regime, this was all banned," said Mr. Panchenko, a 36-year-old merchant, stating the obvious. "The total area we could build a house on was 50 square yards. And now, imagine! We can build a house as big as we want! And the spirit cries out for space!

This is the face of new money in provincial Russia, where for the few Russians who are getting rich, consumption is conspicuous.

Here in a drab suburb in the middle of nowhere, more than 20 mansions of similar proportions and architectural grandeur are rising on land previously occupied by piles of garbage and thickets of bushes. The price? A cool \$350,000.

But attitudes in the Russian heartland are changing more slowly than the landscape. Mr. Panchenko's neighbors, who have watched in silence as the mansions were built over the last few years, are convinced he must be some sort of crook. How else could he afford such opulence when everyone else lives so poorly. with the economy in a mess?

"I don't like it and I don't think anyone else here does," said Marina Samykina. 28. a housewife whose pitiful little wooden house is just down the street from a brick mansion much like Mr. Panchenko's that is still under construction.

Mrs. Samykina sat unsmiling on a step in front of her house minding her children as they played in the dirt.

These people are condescending," she said, pointing up the street with her chin. They're snobby. Even their children look down their noses at our children. They think we should serve them in their big houses."

"If they have so much money, they should pay to have this street paved," she added. There is a cliché about the Russian provinces that anyone who makes good or gets rich becomes the object of his neighbors' suspicion and resentment. What matters is not keeping up with the Joneses, but making sure the Joneses don't do any better than

The attitude is summed up in a joke about provincial life: "My neighbor's goat died.

By Margaret Shapiro

Washington Post Service

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this week to cleanse the city of

brazen gangsters and criminals

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Such a small thing. Still, I'm happy about it."

The director of a new movie called "My Chicken Ryaba," Andron Konchalovsky, depicts a village in modern Russia that rises up to ruin one of its own - a man who has

become rich operating a sawmill. The man lives in a big house with a modern kitchen and has enough vodka to send the whole town on a bender. The villagers resent him and his wealth and they spend most of their time and energy scheming to put him out

Like any cliche, this one has its problems. Many Russians these days are scrambling to make better lives and find new incomes as old factories fall on hard times. Attitudes among the young, in particular, are changing fast. Many students say they want a career in

But the old views live on in small towns like Zubchaninovka, 800 kilometers (500 miles) southeast of Moscow—a suburb of the Volga River city of Samara, which in Communist times was named Kuibyshev in honor of a Stalinist stalwart

Steeped in Soviet propaganda for decades, many people here still regard selling goods at a profit as somehow dishonest even if no a profit as sometow dishonest vent in the longer illegal. They have a word for money-making commerce: spekulyassia, and the word is usually pronounced with a tone of indignation, as if no right-thinking person would stoop to such shiftless behavior.
"Of course it's dishonest," said a taxi driv-

er, expressing the common view. "These peo-ple have never worked in production. They've never worked in factories."

Such thinking is aggravated by the fact that most of the new mansions here are being built by Gypsies, including Mr. Panchenko, who were engaged in buying and selling when such commerce was still illegal.

With reforms in the last five years, their

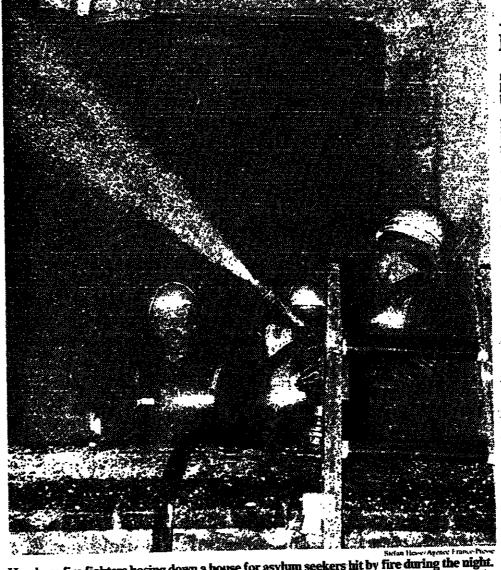
businesses have taken off, and they are making small fortunes trading in consumer goods,

furs and other products. Mr. Panchenko's father, also named Nikolai, spent nine years in prison for speculation selling sheepskin hats and nylon raincoats.

Now, at the age of 77, he pads around his son's house with the help of a cane and watches with satisfaction as the younger Nikolai expands his business, opening a food store, dealing in car parts and importing consumer goods from Europe - all of it legal.

"All my life has been business." the elder Panchenko said. "We've always respected capitalists and capitalism. Gypsies are freedom-loving in this respect.

"But the Russians are slow to accept this," he said. "For 70 years they've been brainwashed. Everything was banned, the same concepts were drummed into their heads. It is only with the new generation that these old ideas will change.



Hamburg fire fighters hosing down a house for asylum seekers hit by fire during the night.

Court Frees German in Arson

Judge Hints Villagers Paid for Fire at Foreigners' Hostel

By Stephen Kinzer

New York Times Service POTSDAM, Germany German judge has found a 19year-old man not guilty of setting a fire that destroyed a hos-tel where asylum-seekers were colossal defamation." But all to be housed, and he suggested that residents may not have had been burned. been telling the truth when they denied having paid money to have the fire set.

November 1992, one day before was the driver of the car used by 86 Africans were to move in.

The defendant, Silvio Jackowski, was picked up after he Jackowski drove the assailants was overheard boasting that residents of Dolgenbrodt, a vil-lage 40 kilometers (25 miles) Judge Klaus Przybilla said in from Berlin, had hired him and announcing his verdict a group of skinheads to set the Wednesday.

trial custody, Mr. Jackowski re- cused not guilty." fused to repeat his assertions. named three Dolgenbrodt resi- judge added. "The court has dents who he said were involved run into a wall of silence. The Nazis were involved.

in collecting \$1.250 to pay the arsonists. He denied receiving Mr. Jackowski was sentenced any of the money.

One said the assertion was "a said they were happy the house of time waiting trial.

He was denied driving privi-

At the trial, Mr. Jackowski denied having set the fire but said he knew that three skinheads, whom he refused to attention, arsonists destroyed the hostel in Dolgenbrodt in November 1002 the arsonists.

"The question of whether to the scene of the crime cannot announcing his verdict Wednesday. The court has reasonable doubts, and is there-During his 10 months in pre- fore obligated to declare the ac-

"There was a high degree of But at the trial he unexpectedly acceptance in the village," the

Mr. Jackowski was sentenced to a four-week prison term for All three were called to tes- driving without a license and tify, and denied involvement. carrying a weapon but was released because he had aiready served more than that amount

> leges for 18 months and the juvenile justice agency in his hometown was ordered to monitor him for a year.

■ Hamburg Home Burned A home for foreign asylum

seekers was set on fire during the night in the northern port city of Hamburg, the German police said Thursday, according to Reuters.

The six occupants of the building escaped unhurt after fires broke out simultaneously in four separate places, the police said

The home had housed up to 185 people, but most had moved out because of renovations. The police said they had found no indication that neo-

WORLD BRIEFS

Kashmiri Separatists Free 2 Britons

SRINAGAR, India (Reuters) — Muslim separatists in Kashmir, who had held two Britons for 17 days, released them unharmed Thursday handling them controlled the property of internalists at a harmed Thursday, handing them over to a group of journalists at a border hideaus

Kim Housego, 16, and David Mackie, 36, were abducted by the Harakatul Ansar militant group on June 6 while hiking near Pahalgam, 50 kilometers (30 miles) southeast of Kashmir's summer capital sciences.

A Renters correspondent, present at their release in the Ananta mer capital Srinagar. nag district, said the Britons were in good health. We were treated well," one of them said. A Kashmiri journalist who declined to be account to the said. declined to be named said the militants were reluctant to hand the two over to Indian officials.

Fighting Leaves 25 Dead in Yemen

ADEN, Yemen (AFP) — Northern rocket and artillery attacks on Aden and fighting around the city killed 25 people on Thursday and wounded 138, hospital officials said.

Seventeen civilians were killed and 90 mounded as rockets

Seventeen civilians were killed and 90 wounded as rockets slammed into the northern suburbs of Aden and shells hit the city center, including the fish market, officials at the main hospital

Fierce fighting on the north and northwestern fronts at Saber and Bir Ahmed left eight soldiers dead and 48 wounded when the northern troops launched two offensives. Southern military soldiers and the soldiers and the soldiers are soldiers. sources said the north had managed to seize the entrance to the town of Bir Ahmed, 15 kilometers (9 miles) northwest of Aden. close to the city's power station.

Bosnian Troops Press Muslim Rebels

SARAJEVO. Bosnia-Herzegovina (Reuters) — Bosnian government troops pressed ahead on Thursday with an offensive against rebel Muslims in the north but the rebels rejected predictions by foreign military observers that they faced defeat.

United Nations sources said UN and European Union monitors of a government offensive that has broken into the separatist Bibac enclave ruled by a local process. Filter Abdic were con-Bihac enclave ruled by a local tycoon, Fikret Abdic, were con-

vinced "his days are numbered."

But Mr. Abdic's military commander, Asim Delic, told reporters: "I have full confidence in the units of our people's defense because this is, after all, a people's army." Mr. Abdic, a food-processing magnate, declared autonomy last September.

Presidential Vote Opens in Belarus

MINSK, Belarus (Reuters) - Voters turned out in large numbers Thursday for the first presidential elections in this former Soviet republic since independence. The conservative prime minister, Vyacheslav S. Kebich, pledged to push ahead with plans for closer ties to Russia if he won. Four of the six candidates favor a more cooperative relationship with Russia.

Mr. Kebich, a strong advocate of a monetary union and defense pact with Russia, was ahead of five rivals in opinion polls. But he was likely to be forced into a run-off against an anti-corruption

campaigner, Alexander Lukashenko. Speaking outside a polling station, Mr. Kebich said President Boris N. Yeltsin of Russia had agreed to soften the terms of the monetary union during more than four hours of talks in Moscow on the eve of polling.

Singapore Flogs a Hong Kong Youth
SINGAPORE (AP) — A Hong Kong youth charged in the same vandalism spree as Michael P. Fay received six lashes on

Thursday, the government said.

The youth, Shiu Chi Ho, 17, was among 10 inmates flogged with

a rattan cane at Queenstown Prison, a brief statement from the Prisons Department said. He was examined by a prison doctor after the caning and found to be in satisfactory condition," it

Meanwhile, the Home Affairs Ministry said Mr. Fay's assertions that investigators had obtained his confession through torture could not be taken seriously unless he filed a formal complaint and sued the officers for assault and battery. "Fay's allegations of police torture and protestations of innocence will generate publicity for his story and can help sell the story at a higher price," the ministry said. It reiterated its position that the allegations of the American teenager were groundless.

Jakarta Ban on Magazines Protested

JAKARTA (Reuters) — Protesters against a ban on three outspoken Indonesian magazines on Thursday gave the government a three-day ultimatum to lift the clampdown or face the possibility of nationwide demonstrations.

Adnan Buyung Nasution, head of the Legal Aid Foundation. said the ultimatum was conveyed at a meeting with Subrata, the Information Ministry's directo "It was a tough meeting," Mr. Nasution said. "He was very

polite but couldn't respond positively to our demands. So, we gave him until Monday to respond. If they don't, there will be largescale demonstrations all over the country."

U.S. to Pursue Allegations of Fraud By Tobacco Firms in Nicotine Dispute

legations that tobacco company safety, addictiveness and nicotine levels of tobacco, Attorney

response, he accused Parlia-President Yeltsin has in-

Parliament and human rights

the KGB security police, to prelice special forces but to organized crime rings as well."

The whole operation seemed pare a nationwide crackdown plan by the end of the week. Officials indicated that speto confirm what many Russians now take as an article of faith—
cial crime-fighting restrictions
criminal groups have become so
might be imposed in several strong and brazen that they Russian cities where crime now have stretched their tentacles seems out of control, possibly

government as well. President Boris N. Yeltsin, in inburg.

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"storm" had given organized crime groups a good laugh.

About 20,000 Moscow police which recent polls show is now and Interior Ministry special the major concern for most troops, wearing flak jackets and Russians who find themselves gripping Kalashnikov automat- dodging assassinations, car ic rifles, descended early bombs and other violence.

To make good on his word, Wednesday on dozens hot spots in the city, including casinos and hotels where members of series of crime-tighting decrees the so-called Russian mafia like to "combat banditry," which give the police broad powers to arrest and hold suspects.

But leaked information got The decrees, based on police there first, and when the police arrived, many places had been recommendations, include shuttered, including one notori- many provisions, such as enterous spot that had posted a sign ing premises without warrants and holding suspects for 30 days without charges, that vio-Closed for sanitary cleaning." in the places that were open. the police ended up hauling in late rights outlined in people for minor crimes like Russian Constitution. late rights outlined in the new

groups have demanded that Mr. the city or possessing false doc-Yeltsin suspend the decrees. In "Desert Storm was much more effective than Moscow ment of dragging its feet on Hurricane," the daily Moskovskaya Pravda commented in an said he would not back down. article that could barely conceal disdain. "It seems that the in- structed the Interior Ministry formation about the operation and Federal Counter-Intelli-had been given not only to po-gence Service, formerly part of

including Moscow, St. Peters-burg, Vladivostok and Yekaterdeep into the police and the

The director of the Federal Counterintelligence Service, Sergei Stepashin, said Thursday

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that he was in favor of violating human rights "if the person is a bandit or criminal." The police were predicting greater success for similar oper-

ations in the future. But they

acknowledged that leaks might

WASHINGTON — The Jus-tion had uncovered its genetitice Department is reviewing al- cally altered tobacco plant.

executives may have lied to reg-ulators and Congress about the chairman, told a congressional General Janet Reno said Thurs-

"We're looking at all the allegations, all the comments, all the information that we have Y-1 early on with the intent of received to determine what would be the appropriate action by the Justice Department in terms of a variety of issues," Ms. Reno said.

Her comments came just before a senior executive of Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp. accused the Food and Drug Administration of a set-up to make it look as though the company had lied to the government about developing a high-nicotine tobacco.

On Tuesday, the Food and Drug Administration commissioner, David A. Kessler, said Brown & Williamson secretly developed tobacco with double the usual nicotine, pumped it into cigarettes and then misled federal investigators about it.

Dr. Kessler said the company had denied breeding any such tobacco until June 17. when Brown & Williamson learned

On Thursday, Thomas Sanpanel that he never hid the tobacco plant called Y-1 and that Dr. Kessler never asked his company about it.

"It now appears, at least to me, that FDA had known about engaging in a course of conduct that in effect set B&W up," he told the House Energy and Commerce health subcommit-

Brown & Williamson discovered through a third party that the Food and Drug Administra-tion was investigating Y-1, he

He also accused Dr. Kessler of dramatizing the investiga-

8 Die in Helicopter Crash

MOSCOW — Eight people died and three were injured when a helicopter crashed in Tatarstan, east of Moscow, the Ministry for Emergency Situa-tions said Thursday. The helicopter was reported to be

Lawmakers have accused seven tobacco chiefs of lying under oath about the addictiveness of cigarettes and whether they manipulate nicotine levels.

The Justice Department's criminal, civil and antitrust divisions are among the offices looking into the matter, Ms. Reno said. The department had not yet determined whether it should conduct a full-scale investigation, she added.

An R.J. Reynolds Tobacco

Co. spokeswoman, Peggy Car-ter, said the company would cooperate with the Justice Department, but contended there was no basis for prosecution.

On May 27, seven members of Congress asked the Justice Department to conduct a criminal investigation into the tobacco industry's activities for the last 40 years.

In a letter to Ms. Reno, the lawmakers said cigarette com-panies may have committed fraud and perjury beginning in the 1950s by allegedly hiding evidence that cigarettes were hazardous.

They also alleged that the chiefs of the seven largest U.S. tobacco companies may have perjured themselves when they testified before Congress in April that they had no evidence nicotine was addictive.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Lufthansa to Seek New Paris Access

PARIS (IHT) - Lufthansa German Airlines will seek landing rants (1711) — Lutinansa German Amines will seek landing rights at Orly airport south of Paris, following the example of British Airways and its French affiliate TAT, according to Jürgen Weber, president of the German airline. Mr. Weber told the French newspaper Le Monde that he would be astonished if France refused the request following the ruling by the European Union that it had to open Orly to British Airways.

France's main regional carrier, Air Inter, a subsidiary of state.

owned Air France, has its main base at Orly, and had opposed opening the airport to foreign competition. Most internationally carriers operate out of Charles de Gaulle airport north of Paris. Mr. Weber and Lufthansa would seek routes out of Orly to Frankfurt and Munich.

Customs officers on Cyprus went on an indefinite strike Wednesday, leaving ports and airports unmanned. "There is simply no one to check anything, we are all on strike," one officer said Thursday. Airport and port officials said there were no delays in flights or shipping.

Lufthansa said it would lower fares starting Sept. I for selected domestic flights on six routes connecting Cologne, Düsseldorf, Hamburg, Berlin and Munich. The airline also said it would simplify domestic check-in procedures.

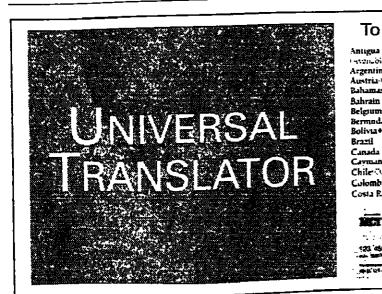
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Bomb attacks are keeping visitors from Turkey's coast and striking a new blow at the country's tourist industry, travel agents and hoteliers said. Blasts at the Mediterranean resorts of Marmaris and Fethiye, blamed on Kurdish guerrillas, wounded 11 tourists, including a British woman who required surgery for head wounds, and 10 Turks this week.

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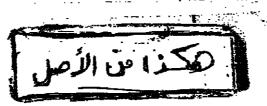
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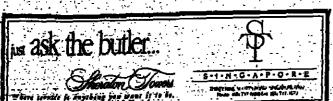
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By Elaine Sciolino
New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — In the 14 years since he left the White House, Jimmy Carter has monitored elections, mediated disputes, promoted democracy and worked to eradicate illnesses like

Korea last week to thrust the former president back onto the front pages and into a foreign policy maelstrom that has had officials and commentators arguing for a week about whether he was making peace or just making

Now President Bill Clinton has an-

nounced that he will restart talks be-

tween Washington and Pyongyang next month after North Korea's pledge, first made to Mr. Carter, to freeze its nuclear program.
Suddenly, some — but not all — of the same officials who complained that Mr. Carter had been duped by a dicta-tor are praising him for his diplomatic

daring. And suddenly, although per-haps temporarily, Mr. Carter has been

For months, Mr. Carter had been asking the administration to allow him to play a foreign policy role, writing letters to Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher and lobbying senior officials who had worked for him with

ficials say.

But both Mr. Christopher and the national security adviser, W. Anthony Lake, had been reluctant to dispatch their former boss to distant capitals. "If you have free-lancers running around you lose control and you find Guinea worm disease. around you lose control and you find But it took an unusual visit to North yourself in awkward positions," one senior official said.

Another reason for the arm's length attitude was Mr. Carter himself. He is so fiercely independent that in 1987, despite strong suggestions from the Reagan administration's State Department that he stay home, he went to Syria for a bit of peacemaking. He was given head-of-state treatment and end-

ed up praising President Hafez Assad for doing all he could to help free American hostages in Lebanon.

It was Mr. Carter who, in one of his first major foreign policy decisions as president, began the withdrawal of U.S. troops from South Korea, a move soon reversed but never forgotten or fully forgiven in Seoul. But the former president, who was trained as a nuclear engineer in the navy, is nothing if not

determined. North Korea first sent Mr. Carter an open-ended invitation to visit in early 1991, but the Bush administration blocked it. The Clinton administration gave him the go-ahead.

offers to help resolve conflicts in Mr. Carter said he was alarmed by White House could take places like the Sudan, Somalia and the the possibility of a confrontation with Chinton did Wednesday.

Middle East, senior administration of-ficials say.

North Korea that was laid out for him at a three-hour intelligence briefing But both Mr. Christopher and the that Mr. Clinton arranged for him at operator into a formal emissary, callhis home in Plains, Georgia. The for- ing him "a distinguished American mer president felt he had to get himself reinvited so that he could talk to President Kim Il Sung face-to-face.

"I decided, on my own initiative, to question the North Koreans about

'If you have freelancers running around you lose control.'

Senior administration official

whether my invitation for a visit still was effective," Mr. Carter told a group of reporters in Washington on Sunday. After the North Koreans said it was, Mr. Carter phoned Vice President Al

So the administration decided to try to have it both ways. Mr. Carter was briefed extensively. If the trip failed, the White House could distance itself tion and said the administration had to by saying that Mr. Carter was just a stay on course with its drive for sancprivate citizen. If it succeeded, the White House could take credit, as Mr.

private citizen" who was sent to "communicate the position of our administration" and who "made a very persua-

But for some officials those words could not crase a different impression. There were two instances that par-ticularly rankled administration offi-

At one point while Mr. Chinton's senior advisers were discussing North Korea at the White House on Thursday afternoon, Washington time, Mr. Carter called to tell Assistant Secretary of State Robert L. Gallucci that he was about to go public on CNN announcing a proposal made to him by Mr. Kim to freeze its nuclear program.

Senior officials were horrified and Gore to tell him he was "strongly inthe meeting disintegrated into a heated
clined to accept." Mr. Gore took the
debate on how to respond, according
matter to Mr. Clinton, who approved.
By the time the State Department
Mr. Gore argued that the proposal Mr. Gore argued that the proposal got wind of the plan, senior officials was an opportunity that must not be said, it was too late to undo. missed and that the United States needed to issue a strong statement embracing the North Korean proposal. Mr. Christopher urged extreme cau-

tions. Mr. Lake tried to broker a deal.

was arguing that the statement should contain language suggesting a break-through, Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott told him blumtly, "I couldn't disagree with you more.

The result was a statement with a dual message - an embrace of the proposal if it was real, and a pledge to continue to consult on sanctions at the United Nations.

And then, even though Mr. Lake read it slowly and carefully twice to him, Mr. Carter botched his lines. As a CNN camera rolled, he told Mr. Kim during a sail on his yacht that the administration had backed off its strategy of pursuing sanctions

On Sunday, Mr. Carter acknowledged to journalists that he had made a mistake. "It's my fault," he said.

But that was before the North Koreans reconfirmed their pledge to Washington. No matter that the pledge essentially goes no further than what the North Koreans have promised before and simply may have bought them

time to pursue their weapons program. No matter that Washington has suspended its call for sanctions and a key condition for face-to-face negotiations: that North Korea first come clean about past diversions of plutoni-

In the words of Mr. Carter to CNN At one point, when Leon Fuerth, after Wednesday's announcement, "It Mr. Gore's top foreign policy adviser, really was kind of like a miracle."

In '93, a Desperate Call for Help

photo album, according to police records.

the 911 emergency number.

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sleeping upstairs.

her and asked her to stay on the line.

LOS ANGELES -- An enraged O.J. Simpson kicked in a

door to his former wife's home last year after becoming upset

earlier in the day over a picture of an old boyfriend in her

"My ex-husband has just broken into my house and he's ranting and raving outside in the front yard," a frantic Nicole Brown Simpson told a 911 dispatcher.

"Has he been drinking or anything?" the dispatcher asked.

"No," Mrs. Simpson replied. "But he's crazy."

Audiotapes released Wednesday document the episode

eight months before she and a friend, Ronald Goldman, were

On Oct. 25, 1993, Mrs. Simpson placed two frantic calls to

The dispatcher sent officers to the scene. Mrs. Simpson

hung up but called back less than a minute later to say her

former husband had returned and had "broke the back door

down to get in." She cried and pleaded for police to come.

The dispatcher said police had been notified, tried to calm

"I don't want to stay on the line," Mrs. Simpson replied.
"He's going to beat the s— out of me." But she did continue

talking, saying she was worried about her children, who were

"He's ... going nuts," she sobbed later, and told the dispatcher that similar confrontations had occurred "many

times." During the call, Mr. Simpson could be heard swearing

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killed. Mr. Simpson has pleaded not guilty to murder.

North Korea Set for 'Fair And Equal' **U.S. Talks**

APPLAUSE FOR A VETERAN — G. V. Montgoun-

ery, Democrat of Mississippi, receiving applause from Bill Clinton on the 50th anniversary of the GI Bill of

Rights. Mr. Montgomery, a World War II veteran who heads the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, spon-

sored an extension of the bill's education benefits.

Health Coverage Plan Spares Employers

cans on the Senate Finance Committee are approaching agreement on a national health insurance plan that would

require people to buy health insurance for themselves and not

if the three Republicans and five Democrats can agree

among themselves, they will present their plan to the other 12

members of the committee Friday. They said they thought

they could get enough votes to have the committee then send the measure to the full Senate for debate.

Deadlock in the Finance Committee has presented the

most severe congressional threat to hopes of passing legisla-

tion that would insure all Americans. Many supporters of that

goal said it was a major step toward the overhaul of the

nation's health care system. Some members of the committee

said they had reservations about the proposal but would vote

for it anyway to keep the process going.

The Clinton administration was tentatively friendly to the

centrist efforts. Hillary Rodham Clinton, after meeting with

Democratic senators at lunch, said that she would not com-

ment on the plan because she did not know its details. But she

added, "I am encouraged by what I hear is very substantive-

of Kansas, the minority leader, said that he was preparing an

alternative plan and that "I think we are still a long way from any consensus either in the committee or in the full Senate."

While the compromise plan was not available in writing,

The plan would provide subsidies for people who cannot

afford to buy their insurance. The requirement that people

buy their own insurance would not come into effect until

2002, they said. And it would take effect only if other methods

to spread health insurance - like laws to make it easier for

small businesses to join together and bargain for good rates,

or a ban on excluding people with pre-existing medical problems — had not led to either 95 percent or 96 percent of

Rights Group Criticizes U.S. Arms Sales

WASHINGTON --- Amnesty International USA criticized

the Chinton administration for continuing to sell arms or

provide military training to 19 nations that the group claims have repeatedly committed human rights abuses, including

such stalwart U.S. allies as Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Egypt,

The human-rights organization charged that despite a re-

packaging and scaling back of Washington's security assistance effort last year, "the bottom line has not changed from previous administrations. The U.S. provides weapons, train-

ing, and funds to human-rights violators and does little to monitor how they may be used."

A report by the group said that in the fiscal year 1995, the administration plans to sell nearly \$30 billion worth of conventional arms and provide \$5.4 billion worth of economic

ic and military assistance to U.S. allies that engage in prac-

ic and military assistance to U.S. ames man engage in tices such as systematic suppression of political dissent, torture of prisoners, and fomenting of ethnic or religious (WP)

President Clinton at the Democratic Party fund-raiser in

Washington: "We must not become mired in the cynicism and the negativism that dominates the debate here in Wash-

• An indiana woman was found guilty of shooting and killing a Methodist minister, her former boyfriend, in front of his

congregation and daughter. Elizabeth Mayberry, 37, will be sentenced July 20 for killing the Reverend Roland Phillips Jr. She had pleaded innocent by reason of insanity in the Sept. 19, 1993, killing. She faces a term of up to 60 years and may receive psychiatric treatment in present

The state of Delaware has executed 45-year-old Andre Deputy for his role in the brutal double slaying of an elderly couple, who were robbed to finance a drinking binge. It was the fourth execution in Delaware and the 245th nationwide

since a 1976 Supreme Court ruling allowing states to resume using the seath penalty.

• A study by the Search Institute of adopted adolescents and their families in Colorado, Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin

has found that these teenagers were no more likely than other adolescents to suffer from mental health or identity problems. Of the adopted teenagers, 55 percent scored high on measure-

ments of self-esteem, compared with 45 percent of all teenagers in the institute's previous, larger study of adolescents

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WASHINGTON - Moderate Democrats and Republi-

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TOKYO - North Korea said Thursday it expects to hold talks "on a fair and equal basis" with the United States aimed at reaching an overall understand-

ing with Washington. A North Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman, quoted by the official Korean press agen-cy, KCNA, confirmed word from Washington that the two sides would meet in Geneva early next month to resume a dialogue broken off earlier this year after two rounds. The White House said talks would probably start July 8.

We expect that the thirdround talks will be held on a fair and equal basis so that a reached for a fundamental solution of the nuclear issue and for the improvement of relations between the DPRK and the United States as a whole," the

for United Nations sanctions against Pyongyang, which said sanctions would be an act of

night that the negotiations would encompass a full range

An apparent breakthrough came last week when former President Kim Il Sung in North Korea, Mr. Kim "told Mr. Carter that the key to a solution of the nuclear issue was to build confidence between the DPRK and the United States," said the

spokesman went on.
"Robert Gallucci, head of the



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A Short-Lived New Beginning

By Sara Rimer New York Times Service

LOS ANGELES — For nearly half her life, Nicole O.J. Simpson's girlfriend, his wife, then his former wife. But in her last days, after she had broken off efforts to get back together, she had been struggling to be Nicole Brown.

Hours before Mrs. Simpson was killed, she and her family - her two children, her parents, two of her sisters - were celebrating her freedom at Mezzaluna, one of her favorite neighborhood restaurants. "She was just so vivacious, so full of life," her older sister,

> phone interview on Wednes-"She had just gotten it all life, she was able to have her own friends. We were talking

about going to Yosemite, camping, taking the kids to Club

North Pushing

Missile Project,

Agence France-Presse

rea, which has agreed to freeze its nuclear program to avert United Nations

sanctions, is speeding up development of two new ballistic missiles, Jane's

Defense Weekly reported Thursday, quoting U.S. in-

It said the Taepo Dong-l, with a range of 2,000 ki-lometers (1,200 miles),

might become operational as early as 1996 while the

Taepo Dong-2, a two-stage

missile with an even longer

range, could go into service by the year 2,000.

Pyongyang may be plan-ning to test the first stage of

the TD-2 soon on its test

range, which is currently "undergoing modifications

that could be the prelude to

The weekly said that if

North Korea succeeded in

deploying nuclear-armed missiles, "the status of

Taepo Dong is crucial."

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Analysts Say

Denise Brown, said in a tele-

North Korean spokesman said. The dispute over international suspicions that North Korea is secretly making nuclear weapons turned to bitter confrontation earlier this month. The United States led a drive

The North Koreans, meantime, have been seeking a broad understanding with the United States that would include diplomatic recognition and economic help. In announcing agreement to resume talks, President Bill Clinton said Wednesday

President Jimmy Carter met North Korean spokesman, quoted by KCNA and moni-tored in Tokyo.

"And he made an important

proposal to break the present deadlock between the DPRK and the United States and reach a fundamental solution of the nuclear issue. On this basis, a series of working contacts were made between the DPRK and the U.S. recently to hold the third round of talks," the

U.S. side's delegation to the DPRK-U.S. talks, in a letter to his counterpart of our side June 20, confirmed the question of laying a groundwork for the talks and proposed to hold the third-round talks to discuss the guarantee of security and overall political and economic is-sues between the DPRK and the United States.



Sister Says Nicole Simpson Was Ready 'to Start Life Over'

"She was so happy," Ms. Brown said. "She had broken Brown Simpson was known as up with O.J. a week and a half before. She was going to start Funny thing, she still loved O.J. She just couldn't live with him."

Sometime after she left the restaurant that evening, Mrs. Simpson was slain on the steps of her townhouse. She had just turned 35, Even now, it is her former

husband, charged with the mur-der of Mrs. Simpson and a friend, Ronald Goldman, who is drawing all the attention. There is an extensive record of his public life - as a football hero, a television pitchman, Hollywood actor, the man

about town with the beautiful. together, and it was so excit-blonde wife on his arm. Far less ing," she said. "I was so happy for her. For the first time in her and her life with O.J. Simpson. "She was totally, totally devoted to this man," Denise Brown said. Then, referring to Mr. Simpson's best friend, Al Cowlings, who helped him ilee the police last Friday, she add-ed, "Even A.C., he says to me,

Denise, I could not believe a woman could love a man as much as she did, bringing him coffee every morning, in bed.' Every morning for how many years — 18 years — she was so in love with him."

They fell in love when she was a teenager, and until their divorce in 1992 they seemed to define the California dream, His life was her life. The \$5

million mansion in Brentwood, on the same street as Meryl Streep, the actress, and Michael Ovitz, chairman of Creative Artists Agency. The \$2 million oceanfront house in Laguna Beach. His and her Ferraris. Vacations in Vail, Colorado, and Mexico.

But there was a price. Friends of the couple said he tried to control the relationship and even after their divorce appeared to be possessive about her. Several times in the last years

of their marriage, she called the police to the Brentwood home. After a New Year's Eve party in 1989, a frantic Nicole Simpson telephoned the police again. As officers arrived, friends of Mrs. Simpson said later, she ran out of the bushes, yelling: "He's going to kill me! He's going to kill me!" She had a cut lip, a swollen black eye, a bruised

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Med. Everything was going to cheek and a handprint on her revolve around the kids. neck, they said.

Several months later, Mr. Simpson pleaded no contest to spousal battery. A judge fined him \$700 and allowed him to her life over. It was going to be choose his own psychiatrist for without O.J., with her children. counseling. Around the same time, a

smiling, relaxed Mr. Simpson dismissed the incident in a 1989 television interview with ESPN, saying: "We had a fight. We were both guilty. No one was hurt. It was no big deal, and we got on with our life."

Now, Mrs. Simpson's death has touched off a national debate over spousal abuse as a hidden crime. But Denise Brown, 37, says she doesn't want her sister to be remembered only as a victim.

"She was not a battered woman," Ms. Brown said. "I don't want people to think it was like that. I know Nicole. She was a very strong-willed person. If she was beaten up, she wouldn't have stayed with him. That wasn't her. Everybody knows about 1989. Does anybody know about any other



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EU Leaders, on Corfu, Set Sights Low

By Tom Buerkle
International Herald Tribune

CORFU, Greece — As Europe's leaders descended Thursday on this sun-baked island, the mood like the dress of the tourists, was distinctly minimalist. Despite the challenges of record-high

unemployment and dangerous instability to the East, the will for action is weak. Prime ministers such as John Major of Britain and Felipe González of Spain are

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in political trouble at home: Germany and France are preoccupied with coming elections; and Greece, the host country, is at diplomatic war with its European Union partners over its blockade of the

former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia.
The timidity of leaders has been reinforced by public disenchantment with European integration, which fueled big gains by anti-Union rightist parties in the recent elections for the European Parliament.

EU leaders are so wary of the Euroskepticism that the selection of a new European Commission president, the main topic of the meeting, has degenerated into a personal battle between the two leading candidates and their sup-porters, with virtually no discussion of their vision for the Union's future. "We are in a period where people are

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arrested the country's most im-

portant opposition leader. Mo-

shood K. O. Abiola, on Thurs-

day after he defied the military

Mr. Abiola, who unofficially

won an annulled presidential

poll last year, was arrested at

his home in Lagos after ad-dressing a rally. He was taken

to the federal capital, Abuja, his

anti-government slogans and

calling for the immediate re-

lease of Mr. Abiola held a

peaceful march late Thursday

through the commercial center

of Lagos. They carried placards

reading "Release Abiola our president now," and "Away

The police did not try to stop

The U.S. Embassy said the

arrest raised "very serious ques-

with the military regime."

the march.

Hundreds of youths chanting

LAGOS - Nigerian police

Nigeria Seizes Fugitive

Who Claims Presidency

still living under the shock of the Maastricht treaty." an EU diplomat said. Rejection of that 1992 accord by Danish voters set off a debate between EU integrationists and nationalists that remains

"We are still in a transitional period."

On Europe's most pressing issue, jobs. the Commission president. Jacques Delors, warned EU leaders carlier this week to keep up the attack on structural barriers to employment instead of drawing comfort from the "allure of economic

But in the current anti-EU climate, the leaders' discussion of Mr. Delors' white paper on jobs and competitiveness was expected to be little more than a review of what member governments are doing to reduce payroll taxes, remove rigid labor rules and improve training.

And conceding to strong opposition from national governments, Mr. Delors indicated he would drop his campaign for EU borrowings to finance cross-border road and rail networks.

The meeting will be judged by whether the leaders can agree on a candidate to replace Mr. Delors as head of the EU executive agency. Failure to do so at a working dinner Friday evening would be an embarrassing sign that the Union was "not capable of reaching a decision on such a crucial issue," said Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou of Greece.

Prime Minister Jean-Luc Dehaene of Belgium seemed to have the post locked up after Christian Democrat leaders agreed in Brussels on Wednesday that the candidate with majority support should win.

With as many as eight EU states, including France and Germany, behind Mr. Dehaene, that was a polite way of suggesting that Ruud Lubbers, the Dutch prime minister, should step aside. But Mr. Lubbers gave no hint of withdrawing quickly, raising the prospect that Chancellor Helmut Kohl might have to call another summit meeting in early July when Germany takes up the rotating EU presidency.

Given the problems at home, EU leaders will be only too happy to turn their attention abroad.

The accord will lift most EU quotas on Russian exports, provide for mutual investment guarantees and hold out of the prospect of a free-trade agreement

The real test for the leaders, though. will be whether they can agree on a strategy for aiding economic reform in Ukraine and shutting that country's re-

maining nuclear reactors at Chernobyl. EU leaders also will sign membership treaties with the leaders of Austria, Finland, Sweden and Norway, who will get a seat at the summit table for the first time.



The Norwegian leader Gro Harlem Brundtland with Mr. Delors on Corfu. Membership treaties with Norway, Austria, Finland and Sweden are to be signed on Friday.

Hong Kong KOREA: China Hails North Korea-U.S. Move to Talk in Dispute

North had a nuclear bomb or was developing one. He reiterated Beijing's desire for a nuclear-free peninsula.

Both South Korea and Japan welcomed the news that talks with North Korea would be starting again, but there was some concern about how cooperative Pyongyang will actually turn out to be.

In a telephone conversation with President Clinton, President Kim Young Sam of South Korea expressed cautious optimism about the situation in the North, the South Korea government said.

Mr. Kim said North Korea's reported willingness to freeze its nuclear develop-ment pending talks with the U.S. is a hopeful sign. Meanwhile, he said, the apparent movement toward a North-South summit meeting this summer is another positive development.

The planned summit meeting between Mr. Kim and his North Korean counterpart, Kim Il Sung, would be the first since the Korean Peninsula was divided at the dawn of the Cold War.

The session was brokered by former President Jimmy Carter during a trip to the two Koreas last week.

South Korea's government had originally been skeptical that a summit meeting would actually take place. But now the North Korean leader has suggested a specific time and place - he proposes a meeting in Pyongyang on Aug. 15, Korea's independence day — hopes are rising in Seoul that the prospects are stronger.

Kim Young Sam told Mr. Clinton during the telephone call that another hopeful sign is North Korea's quick agreement to take place in a staff-level meeting sched-uled for June 28 to plan the summit.

Officials in Japan and South Korea were both eager to learn whether North Korea's agreement with Mr. Clinton means that Pyongyang will permit international in-spection of the waste sites at its nuclear

facilities in Yongbyong, north of Pyong-

yang. Mr. Clinton made no such claim when he announced what he described as a "positive development."

North Korea has refused to allow such inspection, which would help determine how much plutonium it has stored so far. During a news conference Thursday, Foreign Minister Han Sung Joo of South Korea said he would assume that the new agreement with Mr. Cinton "includes North Korea's compliance in explaining its past nuclear activities," according to the

onhap News Agency in Seoul. Tokyo also welcomed the news, but with

some reservations. Responding to questions Thursday in Parliament, Foreign Minister Koji Ka-kizawa said both the agreement for talks with the U.S. and the plans for a North-South summit meeting were positive signs. But he said Japan's goal remained seeing North Korea return to "full compliance" with nonproliferation.

NICE: Some Now See Mandela as Too Accommodating After an election campaign in opinion widely echoed in the

complaints of too much Mr. Nice Guy include Mr. Mandela's silence when his defense cats, the new members of Parminister tried to suppress publication of documents exposing dirty tricks in the military: his seeming walfling over amnesties for many crimes committed "I think the conditions are against the liberation movement; his reluctance to purge police officers accused of atrocities; his support for expanding

liament accepted raises to \$55,000 a year — inconceivable wealth to most black South Africans -- and many complained it was still not enough to make

ends meet. The Congress of South African Trade Unions, Mr. Mande- election campaign, he has rela's closest union ally, said the placed his staff of spokesmen South African arms exports, new government had suc- and speech writers, and the cumbed to "the gravy train newcomers have yet to show mentality which had permeated any flare for setting a public

which the white government streets. As president, Mr. Mandela is was mercilessly attacked as fat both very visible and easy to

He appears frequently in public, receiving foreign visi-tors, presiding over ceremonies, addressing conventions, but his public remarks are usually bland and general. Since the agenda or dispelling minor embarrassments.

He seems eager to dampen the expectations that awaited his new government, here and abroad. At a meeting in Tunis this month, other African leaders tried to enlist him as an intermediary or peacekeeper in crises like Rwanda's. Mr. Mandela told them he had too many problems at home to come to

the rescue of neighbors. Behind the scenes, his incomparable skill as a politician is applied to quelling potential division - for example, stilling the anger of his supporters in the Zulu province, who felt they were robbed by election fraud, and calming the resentment of tribal leaders who felt they were getting less attention than white

His state-of-the-nation speech a month ago laid out a modest first installment on social programs while dwelling on th-oriented economic policies that could have been, and in part were, written by his predecessor, F.W. de Klerk, who now serves as second vice presi-

The direction was confirmed Wednesday when Mr. Mandela's first budget was unveiled, a hold-the-line budget that extracted no new taxes except a one-time 5 percent income tax to pay for the more than \$1 billion in bills left over from the election and inauguration.

The next phase in the negoti-

Mandela to Aid **UN on Angola**

CAPE TOWN -- President Nelson Mandela agreed Thursday to a Unit-ed Nations request to help end nearly two decades of civil war in Angola, initially by meeting the UNITA re-bel leader, Jonas Savimbi, for the first time.

He said after talks with the UN mediator, Alioune Blondin Beye, in Cape. Town that he wanted to join rather than take over existing Angolan peace mitiatives

Mr. Mandela said he would telephone or send an envoy to see the Angolan president, José Eduardo dos Santos, in Luanda and would invite Mr. Savimbi to a meeting.

Seeking To Stay On, Hata Offers To Resign

By T. R. Reid

Weekington Provi Service TOKYO — Prime Minister Tsutomu Hata offered Thursday to quit his job in order to

Mr. Hata called apress conference and hinted that to induce the Socialist Party to join his governing coalition, he would disband his cabinet and

resign from office.

In return, the Socialists would be expected to help him form a new cabinet that would presumably be stronger than the minority government that Mr. Hata now presides over. If that ploy doesn't work, Mr.

Hata's government could be felled by a no-confidence vote in the Diet, or Parliament. The Liberal Democratic Party, the largest opposition group, for-mally submitted a no-confidence motion, although it may never come to a vote.

The Socialists are in a position to demand obeisance from Mr. Hata because they hold the balance of power right now in Japan's fractured political world. Mr. Hata met Thursday with the Socialist Party head, Tomichi Murayama, with no conclusive result. More negotia-tions were expected on Friday.

In the aftermath of the histonic election last July that ended four decades of conservative one-party rule, this nation has faced unusual political confusion as it adjusts to the new era

of multiparty democracy.

Mr. Hata currently heads a centrist coalition government comprising six parties. But the coalition does not have enough votes to control the Diet.

After Mr. Hata formed his coalition government in April, the chief opposition parties agreed to let him hold office until he could win approval of the national budget for the cur-rent year. The budget finally passed the upper house of the Diet on Thursday. With that, Mr. Hata and his cabinet became fair game for the opposi-

But exactly how things would turn out was anybody's guess Thursday night.

But Mr. Hata's coalition does not have enough votes on its own to be sure of defeating a no-confidence bill. He needs help from other parties, and the Socialists look like his best bet. The Socialists were part of

the coalition government that took control in Japan last summer under the leadership of for-mer Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa. But when Mr. Hosokawa resigned in April and Mr. Hata emerged as the new coalition leader, the Socialists walked out of the coalition.

They were angry because centrist members of the coalition had formed a new centrist party. This party had more Diet members than the Socialists. thus denying the Social Deniocratic Party its cherished rank as the biggest party in the coali-

LOBBY: Deregulation on Agenda

conflict as Japan's economy. matures and comes under greater pressure to open wider to imports. Deregulation has be-come Keidauren's chief objective. Few doubt its value in reinvigorating Japan's economy with fresh competition and business opportunities. Yet while good for the whole, deregulation inevitably comes at the expense of individual companies, making agreement on spe-cifics difficult.

"Even if deregulation proves painful to certain sectors of in-dustry, it will benefit the entire sure. Japan's auto industry will society, so we must overcome until recently forced into "va these pains." he said. "Nobody untary" restraints on exports. in industry should consider themselves the only victim."

government to eliminate half of can market without volung Japan's economic regulations, export restraints." he c' which number more than plained. "The Japanese gove 10,000, within five years. Kei- ment hasn't followed through danren has specifically asked on many of its promises." for the lifting or relaxation of regulations on 196 items in seven sectors, including those affecting the opening of large retail outlets, import procedures and agricultural supports.

Continued from Page 1 "The key to progress lies in ought to be channeled, and deregulation," he said in a recent speech. "Regulation provides the basis for excessive influence of policies." bureaucracy on the private sector. That influence is partly responsible for the inscrutable administrative guidance and incomprehensible practices that receive so much criticism from abroad.

In part, Mr. Toyoda's critical views of government interven-tion, and his pleas for politicians to act more responsibly to restore Japan's international trustworthiness, stem from direct experience at the helm of Japan's biggest automaker. Unthe United States; "The government didn't ti

Mr. Toyoda has called on the Toyota not to flood the Arr

Russia and U.S. Sign Oil Accord New York Times Service

WASHINGTON _

President Al Gore and Minister Viktor S. Cherne din of Russia signed a seagreements Thursday pofor massive oil explore U.S. companies and als cration on a space static

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tions with respect to the Nigericivilian administration, which an government's commitment to restoring unhindered, civilian democracy and resolving

up by armored vehicles, transanes and fighters and he-

licopters. Another French contingent will be based in Zaire at Goma town for excursions across the border into Rwanda, and French aircraft will be based at Kisangani, in northeastern

In Zaire, the buildup continued throughout the day, with troops arriving from French bases in the Central African Republic, Gabon, and from Paris.

The intervention force is expected to reach a peak of about 2,500 troops. France has said it will eventually turn over the op-



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eration to a largely African force sent by the United Nations, which is still being assem-But the Tutsi-led rebel movement, the Rwandan Patriotic Front, has questioned French motives, believing that Paris is too closely linked with the Hutu extremists, who comprise

Rwanda's rump government. Various Patriotic Front leaders, fearing that the French intervention may rob the rebels of a near-certain victory in the civil war, have warned that they will attack any French troops

they encounter inside the coun-"We have no doubt whatsoever that their intentions are far from humanitarian," said Théogène Rudasingwa, quoted by news agencies in Paris on Thursday. "We have general instructions to deal with the aganytime there is actual con-

Among other complaints, the rebels accuse France of having sent troops to Rwanda clandesbyarimana's government cooperation on the turnover. thwart a military invasion by the guerrillas, who entered Rwanda from Uganda.

The French plan to intervene won approval on Wednesday by a divided and deeply troubled UN Security Council worried about sparking a wider conflict in central Africa and still embittered by the painful memories of the last such Westem-led humanitarian military incursion in Somalia.

Initial humanitarian goals in Somalia soon became distorted as UN and American troops got entangled in Mogadishu's civil war, targeting a Somali warlord as an enemy. French officials have said

they have no intention of intervening in Rwanda's civil war. "We want to engage our-selves as little as possible in Rwandan territory and in no way do we want to take a role in the conflict," Defense Minister

Wednesday night. U.S. Matériel Arrives

The first of 47 U.S. armored personnel carriers leased to bolster a small UN force in Rwanda arrived in Uganda on Thursday on an airlift from Germany, Reuters reported from Entebbe.

François Leotard said in a

French television interview

A U.S. C-141 Startifter transport plane carrying the first two heavy vehicles landed at Entebbe airport, 32 kilometers southwest of Kampala, from Frankfurt and was met by Ugandan and U.S. officers.

SnagEased, **British Say** the political crisis created by the annulment of the June 12. Mr. Abiola had pledged to a

rally of about 2,000 people Wednesday that he would form HONG KONG - Britain reported Thursday that it was on a government. It was his first the threshold of an agreement public appearance since giving with China about the future of police the slip and declaring himself president and comdisputed military territories in Hong Kong, but the Chinese side warned it wanted more

Mr. Abiola also vowed at the The fate of several valuable time to submit a cabinet list to British military sites scattered around Hong Kong has been up in the air for seven years. China wants them for its armed forces after the 1997 turnover of the ing resistance to General Sani

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AND Monday to analyze the second transfer of the se day to Monday to enable specialists to deal with the military

right for an overall agreement on Monday, but that of course depends on the efforts of both sides," Alan Paul, the chief said after meeting Chen Zuoer.

the Chinese negotiator. "I don't think the gap is very big," he added. "It's certainly a lot smaller that what it was some time ago."

Mr. Chen was more cautious, however, repeating Beijing's view that Britain is the one stalling progress. "We still have work to do," he said as he pushed through reporters.

The newspaper Eastern Express said that "in a final act of brinksmanship." Britain had told China an agreement must come by early July if all military

sites are to be ready by 1997. There is pressure to resolve the issue before the summer regressor by any means possible, cess of the Legislative Council,

starting in mid-July. Legislators are set to adopt the final stage of Governor Chris Patten's democratic reform proposals, which until retinely in 1990, to help Mr. Ha- cently had cast a shadow over

Queen's Yacht, The Britannia, To Be Retired

LONDON - Queen Elizabeth's personal liner. the royal yacht Britannia, will be taken out of service in 1997, Defense Secretary Malcolm Rifkind told Par-

liament on Thursday. He said the queen would be consulted on another use for the vessel, but that it would no longer go to sea. The government will consider whether the ship should be replaced. Launched in 1953, it costs about £8.5 million (\$12 million) a year to run. It was designed to be a hospital ship in wartime, but never

served in that capacity. The Britannia is used mainly as the queen's home on many overseas tours. Earlier this month, it ferried world leaders, including the queen, President Bill Clinton and Prime Minister John Major, from Britain to France for ceremonies marking the 50th anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy.

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Continued from Page 1 presence in more than a dozen African countries. Another would be to cut off ongoing relationships with local intelliofficial with covert experience

Another retired former CIA official said he was appalled at the decision. The move will be seen by the locals" as "part of the withdrawal of this country from the world scene," he warned. This official, a friend and admirer of Mr. Woolsey. said that while it was not inexpensive to keep CIA operationpeople overseas, "relatively gence community and the CIA. speaking it is small potatoes to

have kept them there." After a recent congressional briefing on the proposal, several legislators suggested "keeping a couple of the posts open." according to one participant. The lawmakers pointed out that there was no CIA presence in Somalia in 1992, when the decision was made to send U.S. troops to that country. The CIA believed the covert operations "cried because there was nobody there, and they had to withdraw from some African send someone back who had countries rather than remaining

gressional source said. year's budget for covert human stations, such as Bonn, could be intelligence operations and reduced and the money used in would do so again this year. Africa,

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Some administration officials are skep-

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more alarming claims, but U.S. officials

believe his statements that Russia has

Mr. Mirzayanov was jailed in 1992 and

Mr. Mirzayanov also said that the Rus-

CIA: African Cutbacks Questioned At the State Department re-

action is mixed. "It could reduce political coverage in that area," a State Department official said recently. He explained that algence and police organizations. cently. He explained that al-according to a top retire. CIA though the department privately has been critical of the CIA's post-Cold War activities in some countries, the departure of the agency from a few of these African countries would put pressure on U.S. diplomats there, who already are short-

handed because of budget cuts. Several sources said the CIA's proposed African cutback reflects some broader battles taking place in the intelli-

The Senate Select Committee

on Intelligence has had a run-ning battle with Mr. Woolsey over spending on expensive in-telligence satellites. The Africa plan is a sign that "Woolsey is listening to the technical people and not his own operational personnel." a specialist within the committee said. A former CIA official said he

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left two years earlier," a con- and just reporting on local ac-"At least keep one person "There's a certain mind-set there in some countries was the with them," he said. "If it's not message given that day," the stolen, it's not worth having." source said, adding that Con- This source suggested that cogress had fully funded last vert operations at large CIA

ated revolution, elections to replace white city councils with new, democratic municipal governments, has been postponed from October to April of May of next year because of white resistance, to the dismay of

many local black leaders.

POISON: U.S. Says Russians Hide Development of Chemical Weapons

mation say there is an important gap in the data - there is nothing in it about binary "Our preliminary assessment is that the Russians have not disclosed information about what we believe to be a binary chemical weapons program," an administration

In any event, administration officials

who are reviewing the new Russian infor-

official said. Some officials say the failure to provide the information could be an oversight or the result of bureaucratic confusion. But since Washington has asked Muscow to

sought to develop binary weapons are provide a full accounting of the binary program as a result of Mr. Mirzayanov's ertions, the weight of opinion among administration experts is that Russia is well aware of U.S. concerns and is concealing data about the program.

One official said Washington planned to

go back to the Russians and insist on a clarification of the matter. The exchange of data, which is the focus

of the dispute, was called for by a understanding on chemical weapons that the United States and Russia reached in 1989, The agreement on sharing the data is not part of the global treaty banning chemical

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reopens next month, a govern-ment official said. Until the Feb. 25 massacre, Jewish settlers were permitted to carry weapons into the Tomb of the Patriarchs, holy to both Muslims and Jews. But when the tomb reopens, Jews will not be allowed to enter with weapons, and the two groups will pray at different times to avoid friction, the Israeli official said. Palestinians living under the Israeli occupation, which continues in Hebron, have never been allowed to carry weapons.

The army also plans to de-ploy more guards, install metal detectors and refurbish the closed-circuit TV system inside the prayer halls, the official added.

The commission set up to investigate the massacre will recommend similar security measures when it publishes its findings Sunday, the daily Ma'ariv newspaper reported Thursday.

In Israel, a Bumper-Sticker Debate and radio. But growing prosperity has the country awash in DOW CRIS.

By Clyde Haberman

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JERUSALEM — On the Is-

The Torah says that if I re-

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agree with what is being done,"

said Mr. Ben-Said, who lives in

the West Bank settlement of

Kiryat Arba, a far-right bastion

"So I must voice my opposi-tion," he said. "One way is to

raeli right, which emphatically says no to giving up land to the Arabs, Gilon Ben-Said is about One result is that politics has hit the road, with autos turned as politically correct as one can into billboards of opinion, especially on Israel's peace talks with Syria and the Palestinians.

get. For sure, his car is.
On its front and rear windows, on its bumpers, on its sides, the French-made hatch-It is not that bumper stickers back is plastered with no fewer were unknown. But no one can than 18 stickers proclaiming Mr. Ben-Said's total opposition recall when they were used so ferociously to make a case for or against government policies.

to government peace policies.

The Land of Israel Is in Danger!" one says. "Don't Be-tray It!" says another. "Night-mare Peace!" "The People Are With the Golan!" "Hebron, Once and Forever!" "You Vot-By some knowledgeable esti-mates, well over 3 million stickers have been distributed. That is about two for every three Israelis, and the numbers keep ed for Rabin, and We Got Ara-

In and around Jerusalem, a stronghold of the religious and political right, it is almost impossible to turn around without seeing a car bearing a warning that the nation is on the road to perdition thanks to Prime Minister Yitzbak Rabin & Co. Leftists who favor giving up land for peace with the Arabs have stickers of their own. "There Is a Mandate for Peace," says a popular one. Another has the word "peace" set against a backdrop of fluffy

But the left is overwhelmed in the bumper crop. Some say it is because their stickers are often torn off and their cars sometimes vandalized by rightist hooligans, an accusation rejected by rightist leaders.

Maya Raz of Jerusalem says the rear window of her auto was sprayed with black paint to cover a "peace" message. She scraped the window clean, then put up three new stickers.

No leftist, however, has re-motely matched the 31 rightist stickers spotted the other day on a single car, or even the nine on Meshulam Ben-Meir's station wagon. There is nothing medium about his message. It is anti-Rabin in as loud a voice as he can muster.

"People have a right to see the other side, and the only way to do that is to make yourself visible," said Mr. Ben-Meir, who immigrated from Brooklyn 10 years ago and lives in Ofra, a settlement north of Jerusalem.

But is it necessary to splash so many stickers across a single car, often in positions that ob-scure the driver's view through the rear window? Yes, says Tzemach Hirschfeld, who when last seen had 11.

"Each one has a different audience," he explained "They each have different appeals — political, religious, historical and security.

No one contends that bumper stickers change minds. But they are good morale boosters, people in the anti-government camp say. They are certain that their campaign helps create a general atmosphere that Mr. Rabin is in trouble while reinforcing their own conviction that they are not a minority, as the hated government and the even-more-hated press say.



GOING HOME — One of 22 Egyptian fundamentalists, who recanted their religious and political beliefs, leaving a Cairo prison Thursday. The authorities released the repentant militants, who had been jailed for belonging to extremist organizations.

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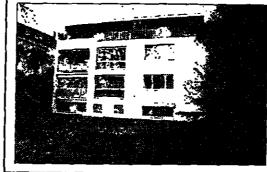
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The Dollar's Problem

At first glance it is a paradox. The outlook for the American economy is as good as it has been in decades, as the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, Alan Greenspan, reassured Congress on Wednesday, but the exchange rate of the dollar is falling. Here is a clue to the explanation: the latest lurch downward was on Tuesday, the same day the government announced that the trade deficit was getting worse. The United States is not only running a gigantic trade deficit, but that deficit is growing bigger. There is likely to be a succession of unwelcome monthly figures on an upward trend, re-

peatedly reminding currency traders that the strain is increasing.

The United States is now in peril of being caught in the same stop-go trap as Britain in the 1960s. Whenever the British economy began to grow strongly in those years, it sucked in imports. That widened the trade deficit, and the strain on the currency soon forced the government to put on the brakes and end the recovery. The country went through three of those cycles before finally giving up and devaluing the pound (which set off a surge of inflation). The American economy is immensely stronger than Britain's three decades ago, but the mechanism is the same. A widening trade deficit tugs at the currency, and to protect it the government is confronted with the necessity of

slowing down economic growth. The British experience also shows, incidentally, that the alternative, devaluing the currency, is not much of a solution.

The question is why economic growth sets off such a disproportionate increase in the trade deficit. That is a sign of serious weakness. If all goes well, the American economy will expand this year by something over 3 percent. As a result. the trade deficit seems likely to rise nearly by half. At least part of the answer is that the domestic economy is now run-ning pretty close to full capacity and cannot respond quickly to new orders. That is the result of a decade of low savings and under-investment. The big trade deficits began in the early 1980s, caused by the great Reagan tax cut of 1981. It was supposed to encourage more saving, but in fact it did just the opposite. Savings fell, and consumption, public and private, shot upward. Ever since then, the United States has depended on foreigners to finance its trade deficit.

The nature of the dollar's trouble is neither technical nor esoteric. Americans continue to consume more than they produce, and they are borrowing heavily from the rest of the world to cover the difference. The foreign lenders have evidently begun to hesitate. That is why the dollar is under pressure.

— THE WASHINGTON POST.

'Stability' at a High Price

The glow cast on Saudi Arabia by the splendid World Cup performance of its soccer team is, unfortunately, not reflect-Department has noted "pervasive" abuses. The advocacy groups have struggled against the Saudis' feudal secrecy to report on practices that include, Amnesty International says, "routine" use of tor-ture against political and religious prisoners. No major country with such a bad record has received less international criticism for it. The contrast with the outpouring of attention to China's no less systemic abuses is stark and anachronistic.

The reasons for the contrast are clear. The Saudi leadership presents itself as vital to the United States for its oil, for its huge purchases of civilian as well as military goods and for its solicitude for American regional security interests. The regime runs a repressive one-family state, but it does so with shrewd use of its affluence, with some discretion and with gestures to collective consultation. As a result, it enjoys a reputation for moderation and stability — conditions, Saudis are quick to remind, in short supply in the Middle East. Then, too, some of the relatively few dissidents and reformers who do pop up in the country or in exile come from the Islamic fundamentalist flank, not from the modernizing Westleaning professional-technocratic class

that Americans generally favor. No more than its predecessors does the ed in its human rights record. The State Clinton administration want to bring on a rights showdown with Saudi Arabia. But a Saudi diplomat's recent application for political asylum could force the issue. According to press reports, 31-year-old Mohammed Khilewi claims to have 14,000 documents detailing alleged Saudi government sponsorship of international terrorism, wiretapping of U.S. citizens and other deeds. The charge of support for radical Islamic terrorism, if proven, could raise the question of whether Saudi Arabia should be put on Washington's blacklist of official state sponsors of terrorism. The diplomat's application for asylum, if granted, could identify Saudi Arabia in official American eyes as a state practicing political persecution.

These difficulties are not likely to bloom all at once, but Americans should be on notice. Sooner or later, tightly run reform-resistant regimes come apart. Harsh consequences can then overtake the nations that have become identified too closely with the old order. Saudi "stability" cannot be taken for granted. For its own reasons, the United States ought to be constantly urging the Saudi elite to broaden and soften its rule.

political leadership in Europe. The expansion of NATO initially through the Partnership for Peace - is a real step on the - THE WASHINGTON POST.

Fighting a World War Against International Crime

PARIS - Nostalgic Cold Warriors can perk up. There is a serious new threat to international security and democratic governments that requires urgent countermeasures. It isn't about tanks and missiles, but it is insidious and subversive on a scale that only mobilization of a grand alliance can adequately confront.
it is organized crime, old and new mafias of various sorts that are forming networks beyond the reach of national

The gangs know how to organize without concern for national sovereignty. Countries must learn to do the same, or they will lose this dirty war.

police. They are as disdainful of borders as the new global stock markets and; speculative flows of finance. The scope and the amount of money involved is on the way to becoming as dangerous a menace to a free and orderly world as

totalitarian ideology used to be. What differs from the ancient history of gangsterism is size and the development of international links. The momentum comes primarily from Russia, but the

Yet there is little agreement here

in Moscow as to whether Russia

really needs this program, and

the unification of Germany, re-

nounced the Brezhnev Doctrine

-which asserted Moscow's right

to intervene in the internal affairs

of Soviet bloc nations if Commu-

nist rule were threatened - and

left Eastern Europe. In turn, it received assurances

from America and its allies that

they did not intend to take advan-

tage of the situation and fill the

resulting vacuum, tipping the geo-

political balance in their favor.

Clearly Russia has reasons to op-

pose NATO's expansion to its bor-

ders. The United States, through

the alliance, intends to preserve

and consolidate its military and

BRUSSELS - Partnership for Peace, launched at the

NATO summit meeting in Janu-

ary, is an ambitious initiative in-

tended to enhance stability and

All states participating in the

North Atlantic Cooperation

Council, as well as other CSCE

countries able and willing to con-

tribute to this program, have been

invited to join. The invitation has met an enthusiastic response. By

the beginning of June, 20 countries had subscribed to the Part-

nership, mostly former East bloc

nations but also including Fin-

land and Sweden. Russia signed

on Wednesday, and others have

deepen and intensify the politi-

Partnership for Peace will

indicated their intention to join.

security in the whole of Europe.

By Flora Lewis

tentacles are reaching out in all directions. In an article in Foreign Affairs, Ste-phan Handelman cited Russian Interior Ministry estimates that organized crime controlled 40 percent of the total turnover of goods and services in the country last year. The criminal groups transferred \$25 billion from the Commonwealth of Independent States to accounts in Western banks, a sum that not only dwarfs Western aid and investment but takes an

enormous chunk out of export earnings.
The danger that crime poses to Russian economic development and political stability - 47 percent listed it as the most urgent problem, in a poll shortly after last December's elections — is necessarily a concern to the rest of the world. But beyond that looms the possibility of a direct challenge to business and gov-ernment everywhere as local groups plug into the lucrative support system.

Already gangs in booming southern China have established ties with inter-national groups based in Hong Kong. The Chinese triads have a history of expertise, wiliness and unscrupulousness that forebodes a monster beyond any control if they achieve alliances with Western and Russian organizations.

And, of course, organized crime means

corruption. The enormous amounts of money at its disposal erode the chances of maintaining a legal system. The situa-tion cries out for deterrence before weak internatioal defenses are overwhelmed.

The first necessary step is to acknowledge the reality and gravity of the on-slaught. Interpol and the FBI have begun efforts to work with the Russians, but this is marginal, far from adequate. President Boris Yeltsin has shocked the Russian Federal Assembly with a decree extending police powers clearly far beyond constitutional guarantees, in itself omnous for the fragile Russian democracy.

Already, though, this is a matter for concerted international action. It is too serious to leave to the police alone, themselves obvious targets for corruption. Ci-vilian control needs to be at both a higher and a broader level if abusive use of police power, particularly in former to-talitarian states, is not to be encouraged.

The strategic points are banks and the trading structures of certain commodities. There are no existing legal international organization or methods of monitoring transfers of hot money and stolen goods. An attempt has been made with narcotraffic, but it is paltry, and the new, varied traffic is becoming many times larger.

Creating a supervisory system will en-counter sharp resistance. It means im-pinging on traditions of banking and

commercial secrecy that are deeply 1001ed. But the new threat should provoke new artitudes. This is not just some pody else's problem, it is in the interest of all who rely on legality. Perhaps it is the most important form of help that the

West can provide to bolster democracy. Tracking large-scale money transfers so as to expose money laundering should become an international duty of governments. Similar secords for large shipments of certain commodities are needed. False or kited invoices are one of the easiest and most widely used techniques

of crime and corruption.

The port of Amsterdam was nearly drowned in aluminum a couple of years ago, "smuggled" from Russia to cheat the state. Estonia, which does not operate a single metal plant, was used to transit so much stolen metal from Russian deschools that it appeared as one of the world's largest metal exporters in 1992, an estimated \$500,000 worth a day.

Defense against the threat will take more than agreements to exchange information. There needs to be a coordinating center keeping records to be made available to national police, customs and tax officials. The gangs know how to organize without concern for national sovereignty. Countries must learn to do the same, or they will lose this dirty war.

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Partnership for Peace: No, Russia Is Too Big for This Exercise MOSCOW — On Wednesday. Russia signed the Partner-

By Andranik Migranyan

The writer is a member of Boris Yeltsin's Presidential Council. ship for Peace plan at NATO's headquarters in Brussels as a step toward closer cooperation with Europe and the United States. way to filling the power vacuum,

with the ultimate goal of restraining and disciplining Russia itself.
The Romanians, Estonians, Poles, Slovaks and Czechs have already mobbed the doors to NATO. The Ukrainians, Latviwhat it will gain.

The Cold War ended with the dissolution of the Warsaw Pact and the breakup of the Soviet Union. The U.S.S.R. agreed to ans and Lithuanians are falling over themselves to get in. It is amusing to contemplate how Russia, which is still a military

superpower, would look in such a crowd, where everyone is crying about the threat from Russia and wants to lean on NATO's mighty shoulder in search of a guarantee of territorial integrity

and security.

Those who say we would have doomed ourselves to political iso-lation by not joining the Partner-ship for Peace and eventually,



By Gebhardt von Moltke

The writer is NATO assistant secretary-general for political affairs.

How the Partnership Works and Where It's Designed to Lead

Cooperation in Europe. Over time,

Partnership activities will develop

forces that are better able to oper-

ate with those of the NATO allies.

years of dialogue and cooperation under the North Atlantic Cooper-

ation Council. But it will go fur-

ther, allowing each partner to de-velop an individual cooperation program with NATO and thus to

forge closer relations with the alli-

ance. Each partner will be able to

determine the pace and content

A country joins the Partnership

by signing a standard framework document at NATO and thereby

of its cooperation with NATO.

Partnership for Peace builds on

perhaps, NATO are quite correct. ...our military-industrial complex. But it is also true that we isolate ... • It is hardly expedient to But it is also true that we isolate ourselves by agreeing to participate, since NATO controls who becomes a full member and when.

Russia faces numerous prob-lems, both abroad and with other newly independent former So-viet republics. It cannot afford to be constrained when its own interests do not coincide with NATO's or with those of the Partnership for Peace.

The agreement signed on Wednesday poses several key problems for Russia:

• The current proposal does not stipulate any sort of framework for the transition to membership in NATO. A country such as Russia cannot be left out in the hallway while important decisions are made on issues criti-

cal to its security.

• Whether or not its authors intended it, the proposal includes an attempt to block the former Soviet republics' ability to con-solidate militarily and politically. • The Central European

countries and former Soviet republics, in joining the Partnership for Peace and eventually NATO, will push Russia out of their markets as an arms suppli-er, dealing a serious blow to

transform a regional alliance transform a regional alliance created for very specific tasks into a universal instrument for resolving and regulating conflicts throughout Eurasia. In addition, as a member of NATO, Russia would become the alliance's cuttoes on its borders.

alliance's outpost on its borders". with the Islamic world and China. It is hard to imagine that American soldiers would defend this border as they once defended the one dividing East and West Ger-many. So Russia's hands would be bound and its freedom to ma-

neuver limited. Without having a full voice in" NATO, Russia can hardly influence the organization's decisions. It might have been better to concentrate on perfecting the mechanisms of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, which was set up in 1975 to guarantee peace and order on the Continent, and to which Russia and NATO members already belong.

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Retiring Haiti's Junta

The Clinton administration would like including profits from drug trafficking. mote a cushy Riviera or Spanish retirement for the three most notorious leaders of Haiti's military regime, and it is freezing all Haitian assets held in U.S. banks to spur them into getting on with the job. Raoul Cedras, the junta leader. Philippe Biamby, the army chief, and Joseph Michel François, the police commander. overthrew an elected government, let political murders go unpunished, terrorized the civilian population and defied international agreements. Washington hopes to bribe them into exile with bundles of cash and promises of a safe European haven. And it seeks to reassure rank-and-file soldiers that they can keep their jobs and avoid punishment after President Jean-Ber-

trand Aristide is restored. It is neither a pretty policy nor fair. offering Haiti's persecutors the safe haven that so many of its persecuted have been denied. But it makes some sense given the unpleasant realities of Haiti. It could be justified if it contributes to ending the terror and restoring democracy there.

It was General Cedras's refusal to leave Haiti last October that undid the U.S.sponsored Governors Island agreement, the last serious attempt to resolve the crisis diplomatically. Inducing the general and his fellow commanders to leave now could put diplomacy back on track. And the only way Father Aristide is going to be returned without using outside force is to overcome the opposition of an army rank and file that fears retribution.

But Washington should have no illusions that removing this gang of three would solve more than the most immediate problems. The terror in Haiti comes from the lower military ranks and paramilitary groups created during the 30-year Duvalier dictatorship. It was rank-and-file soldiers who began the coup against Father Aristide to protect their privileges,

control of the revolt. Once he departs, the same army elements will surely seek another general to lead their cause, as they did when Washington coaxed previous Haitian strongmen into exile.

The only time Haiti experienced real change was under the seven-month rule of Father Aristide in 1991. It was no democratic idyll, but not only top commanders were replaced but also the local section chiefs who had been the dictatorship's enforcers. Father Aristide made the only serious attempt to disband the Duvalierist militias and encourage Haiti's poor major ity to participate in the country's politics.

The coup abruptly reversed this process, as its sponsors intended. Simply to bring Father Aristide back under present conditions would be, in effect, to parachute him behind enemy lines without a rifle.

The Clinton administration says that after the three commanders leave, it would help professionalize Haiti's army and create a separate police force. But the assurances now being offered suggest that most lower-ranking personnel would be kept in place. If Washington's goal is to secure democracy and stanch the flow of refugees, it must pursue broader changes.

One way to do that might be to recruit large United Nations peacekeeping force to control the existing army while a new one is created from scratch. Ideally, most of the peacekeeping troops should come from other Caribbean countries, with Washington contributing money and logistical support. U.S. diplomats would have to line up volunteer nations, just as they recently recruited regional countries to host refugee reprocessing.

Luxury exile for the gang of three would be a tolerable price for a serious effort to end Haiti's agony. Absent that

effort, it would be a disgrace. - THE NEW YORK TIMES.



cal-military relationship between

the alliance and individual Part-

ner countries. Cooperation within

the Partnership will help increase

stability and security for all. It

will promote shared democratic

principles, such as transparency in national defense planning and budgeting and democratic con-

Joint military planning, training and exercises will strengthen the

ability and readiness of members

to take part in multinational

peacekeeping, search-and-rescue and humanitarian missions under

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HONG KONG — Tuesday's decision by President Suharto, 73, to close Indonesia's three best-known weekly magazines has startled the nation and lengthened the list of questions about the direction of Indonesian politics and the outcome of the eventual succession. Mr. Suharto's term expires in 1998.

The move comes close behind strikes and anti-Chinese riots in the city of Medan, and the much publicized Bapindo banking scandal, which has touched former senior ministers. There are no direct links betwee the three events, but all concern the intricate problems of succession and the need for and problems of a more open society.

They also affect Indonesia's international reputation as it One of the three banned publications was Tempo, a prosperous, glossy newsmagn-zine that had survived for 23 years and established a strong reputation. Tempo had come to symbolize the values of the urban middle class, which has

grown rapidly in recent years. Another casualty of the crackdown, the tabloid DeTik, had come from nowhere to a claimed circulation of 400,000 in little over a year, thanks to scoops on government division and corrupt officials.

Magazines have been the cutting edge of liberalization in Indonesia, a snappy contrast to the generally stodgy daily papers. None of them could be described as radical or even

populist. They were produced by and to a large extent for the elite, which has no fundamental problems with Indonesia's economic system or with its eclectic official philosophy of Pancasila, under which the unity of the state takes precedence over ideology and religion.

However, as the clite gets bigger, President Suharto gets old-er, and old loyalties wither. Jockeying for power is on the rise, along with competition for the spoils of development.

The immediate occasion for the demise of Tempo centered on the purchase by Research and Technology Minister B. J. Habible of 39 old East German vessels to modernize the navy. Mr. Habibie is personally close to Mr. Suharto, and spearheads a quasi-political association of Muslim intellectuals. An ambitious German-trained aeronautical engineer, he is also a free-

spending economic nationalist. Mr. Habibie is at odds with economic technocrats such as Finance Minister Mar'ie Muhammad, who have no local political base but lots of clout via international financial institutions, and many in the army, who distrust his use of religion for political purposes. The gencrals were also miffed that Mr. Habibie was so involved in military procurement. Mr. Habibic undoubtedly feels he has been unfairly treated by the press. In a recent speech, President

Suharto defended Mr. Habibie on the ship issue, and he has lashed out at the press for causing dissension. For now, other media will heed the warning. Ministers will appear obedient But petnlance may have overtaken the president's normal political finesse. Instead of keeping everyone off balance, he has taken sides.

The attack on Tempo has emphasized the splits that all know exist. And by appearing to come to the rescue of Mr. Habibie, the president has strengthened the argument of those who say that thout Mr. Suharto, Mr. Habibie is not a serious contender.

The ultimate problem with the media clampdown may be to close the one aspect of "openness" that had come about as promised. Formal politics, via parties and Parliament, is still largely moribund, so the media have provided a window on today's world and tomorrow's

The magazine bans will not be fatal to the media. Tempo will likely re-emerge with a new name and a new editor, just as a 1987 ban victim, the daily Sinar Harapan, resurfaced as Saura Pembaruan a few months later. Indonesian liberalization has always been a two steps forward, one step back affair. Social pressures for

opening remain strong. But it is a blow, not least to the self-esteem of (to adapt the late President Sukarno's slogan) Jakarta's New Emerging Classes. International Herald Tribune.

subscribing to the shared goals to improve the compatibility of and values that underpin the Partnership — the preservation of democratic societies, their freedom from coercion and intimidanon, and the maintenance of the

principles of international law. The next step is for a country to submit its own national "Presentation Document" listing the steps it has taken or will take to promote public transparency in its national defense planning and budgeting processes, and to en-sure the democratic control of its defense forces. The country also identifies the kind of military cooperation that interests it, and the military forces and resources that it might make available for Partnership activities. The Partnership will evolve over time and encompass an increasing range of activities with NATO.

The third step is the develop-ment of an Individual Partnership program setting out specific coop-erative activities with NATO. The individual programs will be transparent to all partners, but none will have the right to interfere with any other's program.
Field exercises to promote

peacekeeping cooperation and military coordination will be a major aspect of Partnership for Peace. At least two field exercises this year and possibly a maritime exercise are being planned. These will improve the ability to work together in peacekeeping mis-sions in support of United Na-tions or CSCE decisions. The exercises will serve, for example,

communications and operational procedures. There will be other activities in areas such as crisis management and training.

Many partner countries are taking up an offer to rent permanent offices at NATO headquarters in Brussels, making it easier for them to participate in meetings and other activities.

A Partnership coordination cell has been established at Mons, Belgium, to carry out the military coordination and planning necessary for Partnership

for Peace programs, NATO is prepared to consult with active participants if they perceive a direct threat to their territorial integrity, political independence or security. This offer hopefully will help to defuse future crises and contribute to stability in the European-Atlantic area.

Active participation in Partnership for Peace will play an important role in the evolutionary process of the expansion of NATO as envisaged by the January summit meeting, taking into account political and security developments in all of Europe. The

Partnership is not a substitute for membership in NATO. The Partnership offers an opportunity for progressively closer cooperation and ties with NATO. It is not directed against any country. NATO will make every effort to ensure that this endeavor succeeds, enhancing security and stability in the interests of all. International Herald Tribune.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1894: Literary Revolt

BERLIN - There is an interesting strike in sight. The disquieting symptoms that the number of starving poets is continually de-creasing has inspired our theater directors with the philanthropic ides of reducing considerably the dues paid to authors. In view of this danger, a society of authors has been formed in order to boy-cott all the theaters which seek to cut down the authors' rights.

1919: A German 'Yes'

PARIS - At about ten minutes to seven o'clock last evening -255 days after the Armistice guns boomed and sirens screeched, and Parisians were thus informed that Germany had answered "yes" to the ultimatum presented to her and had decided to sign the Treaty of Peace. Many hours of acute nervousuess were

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passed by the German delegates as they waited for the message from Weimar announcing the Government's decision. The 12dio came at last, relieving the tension with its unconditional acceptance of the Allies' ultimatum.

1944: Roosevelt Assailed CHICAGO - From our New

York edition:] Governor Thomas

E. Dewey of New York, in his
first direct message to the Republican National Convention, assailed the Roosevelt administration today [June 23]. Mr. Dewey's personal statement follows: "The national Administration has become a sprawling, overlapping bureaucracy. It is undermined by executive abuse of power, confused lines of authority, duplication of effort, inadequate fiscal control, loose personal practices and an attitude of arrogance previously unknown in our history."

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she rightly complained that for a Clinton appointee to appoint counindependent." She predicted that if the Independent Counsel Act were reborn, "there might be the possibil-ity for me to petition the court for the appointment of an independent counsel and the court might appoint even a third lawver.

that Clinton appointee Fiske has conspired with Democrats in the see-nothing 103d Congress to contain the scandal, limiting congressional oversight to what he determines the public may know.

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Fiske, the Clinton Shield, Is Hardly Independent By William Safire

WASHINGTON — "I only picked up the phone," said the judge, not all that happy to be speaking to a columnist, "because the secretary is out to lunch and my clerk is in labor.

He is David B. Sentelle, presiding judge of the Independent Counsel Panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals, a Reagan appointee. Along with Judge John D. Butzner Jr. (Kenne-dy-Johnson) and Joseph T. Sneed (Nixon), Judge Sentelle will soon be faced with a momentous decision affecting the separation of powers

and the Clinton presidency.

After an 18-month lapse (thanks to George Bush's fear of an independent counsel looking into Iraqgate), the Independent Counsel Act has been resuscitated. Before the July 4 recess, President Bill Clinton is expected to keep his promise to sign it.

Then Attorney General Janet Reno will go before the Sentelle panel to ask for the court to appoint a prosecutor truly independent of the administration to take over the Whitewater investigation. (Republicans in Congress can force her to, under the act.)

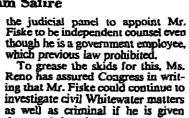
Rather than cite credible evidence that a federal crime has been committed by the president, she is likely to simply declare her department in a political conflict of interest, thereby turning authority for investiga-

tion over to the judicial branch.
But what of Robert Fiske, whom
she appointed special counsel under White House pressure? In January. sel, "that does not make that person

Sure enough, it has come to pass

Congress passed the act with the "Fiske fix"; this makes it possible for

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investigate civil Whitewater matters as well as criminal if he is given the court's imprimatur. What a setup: The Democrats' favorite Republican prosecutor provides Democrats in Congress cover

for stonewalling hearings; the Democratic majority puts through the "Fiske fix"; the Clinton AG asks the court panel to legitimize the lawyer chosen for her by former White House counsel Bernard Nussbaum. The purpose of my call to the judge was to find out if his panel still

exists, in light of the act's lapse.
"We're ongoing," he informed me,
"grandfathered by the need to supervise previously appointed independent counsel." I asked if his panel would rubberstamp the Fiske fix; that was when

he gave me the brush, talking about clerk in labor. The judicial branch should not accept direction from the legislative branch to appoint counsel chosen by the executive branch. That would defeat the entire purpose of the leg-islation, which is to assure public perception of total independence.

What about continuity of Mr. Fiske's investigation? Let the court appoint true independent counsel; let the new prosecutor keep Mr. Fiske on for the civil side and add to the present staff. Continuity plus

That would defeat the Democratic strategy to block bipartisan con- is generally a patched-up affair of sional oversight. The Senate majority leader, George Mitchell, and House Speaker Tom Foley are tainting their entire careers with this partisan passion to contain the scandal

by tightly controlling hearings.
Their use of Mr. Fiske as a shield against disclosure of wrongdoing shows how one-party control of government can corrupt the democratic process. Senator Mitchell apparentwants a circus atmosphere in the Banking Committee, where Democrats dominate by 11 to eight, with the Keating Five chairman, Don Riegle, gaveling down Al D'Amato for daring to ask questions about matters that Mr. Fiske and Democrats deem out of public view until

after the 1996 elections. The place to stop this stonewalling deal is in the Independent Coun-

sel Panel of the Court of Appeals. The New York Times.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Condemn These Killers

I have just returned from a visit to the Rwandan-Tanzanian border area, where hundreds of thousands of Rwandan refugees are gathered in miserable conditions. "Home" here grass and twigs covered by a plastic sheet donated by the United Na-tions High Commissioner for Refugees. Toilets are mere holes in the ground, again covered by plastic sheets. When the hole fills up. you simply dig another.

If you ask an official what can be done to improve life in the camp, you are told not to rock the boat they are used to these conditions." Anyone who has any faith in mankind would do well to stay away.

as the killing continues and floating bodies contaminate the rivers. Impotent appeals go out to leaders on both sides to stop the killing, only to be The Unhypocritical Truth ignored, as in ex-Yugoslavia.

But as in the past, when the fightthose same leaders receive a peace by Warren Brown: prize of some sort for deciding to

I would suggest that people all Brown, who has dared NOT to say over the world stage trials in public the hypocritically correct thing but squares and charge the leaders of just to speak the truth. Rwanda and Yugoslavia, in absentia, with crimes against humanity and declare them unfit to hold any public office or to appear before any

international gathering. ABE NATHAN.

Majestic but Uninteresting

Regarding the report "A Proper, Mostly Majestic, U.S. Welcome" It is disconcerting to see a serious

newpaper grant so much space to the U.S. visit of the emperor and empress of Japan. These people are symbolic and hold no political pow-Meanwhile, the world just watches er; they are vestiges of another era. JULIAN ALLEN.

Regarding "Correct, Hypocritical ing stops, someone will propose that and Irrelevant" (Meanwhile, June 15)

As a European I tip my hat - not stop the killing of their own people. once, but several times - to Warren

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Without Rob on Their Side

Regarding "And the Winner Will Be? The Pick Here Is Brazil" (Sports, June 17) by Rob Hughes: The beautiful thing about Rob

Hughes's prediction that Brazil will win the World Cup is that he doesn't even mention the Dutch. Perhaps he cannot forgive them for keeping England out of the Cup. Which is all to the good. There is a hoodoo about Rob's predictions. The only way Brazil can lift the trophy now is if the Brazilian coach gets a Robbie doll and sticks pins into it.

The Dutch, on the other hand, do not have Rob on their side. They have slipped into the United States without the glare of publicity. Maybe Rob hasn't noticed. So, say it again, Rob — about Brazil, I mean. I'll send you a bottle of Bols Genever and some Gouda when it's all over.

B. J. FERNANDES. ... Singapore.

By Denis Warner

bombers would be able to mount

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vest coast, 2 miles north of Charan

Kanoa, which before the bombard-

ment must have been a lovely vil-

lage, with comfortable Japanese-

style houses along avenues of flame

trees and bougainvillea.
But now both Garapan and

the houses along the shore. In the

dawn, smoke lay softly against the

uplands like an early morning mist.

Saipan could hardly have seemed

When the marines and their am-

phibious tanks crossed the island's

And so the battle began.

The appearance did not last.

Carnage Beneath the Morning Mist

MELBOURNE — Overshad-owed by the Allied landing in Normandy 50 years ago and the drama of the opening of the second front in Europe, the U.S. Navy and Macines almost, simultaneously batteries. They were joined by 6 heavy cruisers. 5 light cruisers Marines almost simultaneously and 26 destroyers. breached the key line of Japanese defenses in the Mariana Islands in Saipan was crucially important, for it was from there that, for the first time, the new American B-29 the central Pacific, sank most of the

air bases from which to bomb Japan regular raids to Tokyo and the Japaand speed the end of the war. se heartland. Just as the Normandy landing The island's capital, Garapan, inhabited by native Chamorros, Okinawans and Japanese, was on the

marked the beginning of the end for Hitler's Germany, the assault on Saipan drove the Japanese to suicid-al desperation in a last vain attempt to salvage something — honor, per-haps — from the wreckage of long years of lighting.

Japanese Navy and established the

On the afternoon of June 14, 1944, 6,000 miles (9,600 kilometers) west of the U.S. mainland and 1,600 miles southeast of Tokyo, 64 American landing ships stretched out in two long lines across a leaden Pacific. On their flanks were the destroyers escorting the two divisions of marines who were about to make the

assault landing. The final preinvasion bombardment of Saipan, a small, jungle-covered island, began with the whole fleet broadside on. The battleships Maryland and Colorado opened up with their giant 16-inch guns, while the Pennsylvania, Tennessee, California, New Mexico, Mississippi and Idaho did so with 14-inch main

> As the fighting went on over com-ing days and weeks, the once green island became a bowl of fine, offwhite dust. Tanks and trucks were

more peaceful.

enveloped in an eerie log. Marines pecred darkly through layers of grime at stomach-turning scenes. Among the burned-out farm houses, cattle lay dead. Only the long-nosed Saipan pigs thrived in the filth and horror.

growing fat among human corpses. On July 6, Yasuko Oguro, a 16year-old Japanese girl, took shelter in a cave near the north end of the island with other frightened young children, including some of her brothers and sisters. (Years later, when my wife and I were working on book, "The Sacred Warriors: A History of the Kamikaze Corps," we met Ms. Oguro in Japan. She was among a small group of Japanese survivors of the Saipan fighting.)

In the cave, workers from a Japanese navy supply depot were busy sharpening bamboo sticks into spears. Orderlies in the flickering half-light of hurricane lamps distributed hand grenades to the wounded. Clasping the grenades to their stomachs, they blew themselves to bits.

As midnight approached, the Japanese gathered outside the cave for a last banzai charge. Some men had

rifles and captured American car bines. Most had grenades. Others used blood-stained bandages to strap bayonets to pieces of drift-wood, or armed themselves with clubs and even stones. The officers had swords and pistols and the

sharpened sticks.

Of the garrison's 48 tanks, all but three had been knocked out. These

were pressed into service. Shortly before dawn, Admiral Chuichi Nagumo, commander of what by then was the almost nonexistent Japanese Central Pacific

Fleet, led his men into battle. The U.S. Army outposts were taken by surprise. Some patrols had been out early in the night, but they had long since returned. Before the outposts were fully awake, 300 Japanese officers and 5,000 men burst into the American front line and

swept through it almost unopposed. U.S. battalions broke up in disorder. Dozens of American soldiers Charan Kanoa were burning. We were far enough out to sea for the fires to resemble lights twinkling in were killed or fled from the beaches across the reef and into the sea. More than a hundred were picked up by destroyers at daylight.

Along the narrow-gauge railway once used to carry sugar cane to a mill at Charan Kanoa, more than 4,000 Japanese lay dead. Almost without exception, the officers had committed ritual hara-kiri with hand grenades. Many troops seemed to have ended the charge in the same

protective reef, the Japanese met them with a hail of fire. Six waves of way, their bodies blown apart. The Americans buried 29,000 Jap-American troops clambered ashore. anese troops; their own losses were 3.225 killed. Most of the Americans thought

the banzai charge was the climax of the battle. They were mistaken. The next day, something even more horrific occurred. Almost all the remaining Japanese soldiers, sailors and civilians, including women and children, took poison, killed

themselves with grenades or threw themselves over the cliff at Marpi Point, on Saipan's northern tip. One Japanese family — a father, mother, son and two daughters appeared on a rock platform high above the sea. First the father took off his coat and knelt, his wife behind him. Shortly afterward, he rose and without a word threw the smaller girl, 5 or 6 years old, into the sea. Then he, his wife, his son and the remaining daughter jumped off the

cliff after her. The sea around the point was so thick with the dead that a small U.S. ship sent to investigate kept running into bodies.

The writer, editor of Asia-Pacific Defense Reporter magazine, covered the Saipan battle as an Australian war correspondent. He contributed this account to the International Herald Tribune.



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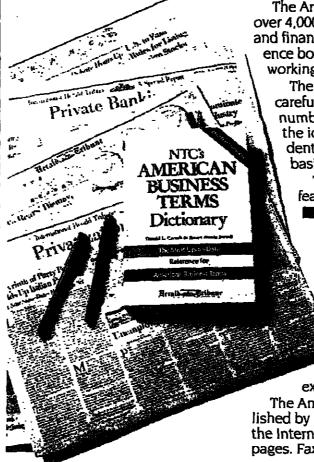




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A Hefty Crop of Movie Festivals for Paris, When It Sizzles

By Joan Dupont

ARIS - There is a funny scene in Nanni Moretti's "Dear Diary" showing what's on Roman screens in the summer — a toss-up between soft porn and wilted reruns. In Paris, where programming is an art. Moretti would not go hungry. You can hardly go wrong in a city that has declared this "Fritz Lang Year." There is a festival called "10 Grands Westerns, La Légeade," a program titled "Bad Girrrls." (with the accent on the grrr), leaturing the work of young American filmmakers; "Tutto Fellini" and even a sampling of Nanni Moretti films. The American Center is running a program called "Banned in the U.S.A." and French distributors who feel that their films are virtually locked out of the United States have come up with ingenious programming to heat up interest in native fare.

Yann Beauvais, head of film and video programming at the American Center has imported most of "Banned in the U. S. A"

Berkeley, California, Strictly speaking, not all the films were bonned, but Beauvais aims to show a diverse and provocative program that reflects on French as

well as American skittishness: "We added Jean Genet's 'Un chant d'amour' (1950), a poetic film on homosex-uality banned in France for 21 years," he says. Genet's 20-minute black-and-white film was adapted from his first novel. 'Our Lady of the Flowers, an erotic fantasy written in prison. "When it was shown in New York in the '60s, police raided the movie house: when it was shown on the Berkeley campus, police threatened to confiscate the print

"ixe" (1980), by Lionel Soukaz, is "a scandalous film for the '80s that shows boys making love and shooting up," says Beauvais. "It was X-rated under Giscard d'Estaing: Jack Lang de-Xed it.

Not all the films are made of such strong stuff. Otto Preminger's 1953 "The Moon Is Blue," was a harmless comedy.

from Steve Seid's Pacific Film Archive in but words like "virgin" and "seduce" and promises of worse to come sent alarms ringing at the censors' board. Preminger brought the movie out anyway; Catholic groups intimidated theater owners, "just as pressure groups managed to get films like Godard's "Je vous Salue Marie" off screens in France and the U. S.," Beauvais

Roberto Rossellini's "The Miracle" (1943) was an historic case: Federico Fellini wrote the story; he also played a bearded tramp to Anna Magnani's peas-ant woman who takes him for Saint Joseph. Cardinal Spellman and New York's Legion of Decency charged the film as blasphemous; it provoked boycotts, picket lines and bomb threats. The case went to the Supreme Court where the argument that censorship of motion pictures violated free expression won out. Elia Kazan's "Pinky" (1949), about a light-skinned black woman who moves south and finds herself rejected by two worlds "excited hysteria when it was shown in the South." says Beauvais. The case also went to the

Supreme Court where it benefited by the "But every year, nearly a quarter of the court's ruling in favor of "The Miracle." movies made are first films — 40 this year

Maurice Tinchant, a publicist and independent producer and distributor, has concocted "Coup d'été," a program of seven first films, made in France, to be re-released with English subtitles for summer audiences. Tinchant, who produced Jac-ques Rivette's two-part "Jeanne la pucelle" also distributed "Les Gens normaux n'ont rien d'exceptionnel" (Normal People are Nothing Special), an unexpected hit by Laurence Ferreira Barbosa.

'Coup d'étè" will be shown on the Champs-Elysees and the operation also extends to the provinces. The program includes comedies like Marion Vernoux's "Personne ne m'aime" and Philippe Lior-et's "Tombés du ciel," and more somber films like Agnes Merlot's "Le Fils du requin" about juvenile delinquents.

The case of "Les Gens normaux" actual-

ly is exceptional: "The film came out in November, which meant it got talked about and won prizes, the actress won a Cesar -all that gave it a boost," says Tinchant. - and only about 10 of them do well.

Chantal Poupaud is another champion of independent cinema who has come up with a good packaging idea: She asked nine filmmakers to make an hour-length movie about their adolescence, illustrated by the music of the period. The result is a series that will be shown on Arte, the Franco-German cultural network, from October to Christmas; certain of these films evolved into full-length features shown at Cannes and other festivals and are being released in theaters this summer - André Téchiné's "Les Roseaux sauvages," Olivier Assayas's "l'Eau froide" and Cédric Kahn's "Trop de bonheur."

HE series, produced by Georges Renavous, is called "Tous les Benayoua, is called "Tous les garcons et les filles de leur age" after a popular song of the '60s and each film has a party scene. The idea was to do 10 films that would

span the decades from the start of rock 'n'

sont folles."

roll through the '90s," Poupaud Stys. "I thought it would be interesting to see how directors of different ages looked at things - family, sexuality, money. I've a ways been fascinated by television and wondered why French directors looked down on it. I thought, if I let them shoot with their usual teams, in Super 16 or 35mm. why wouldn't they want to make films for TV"

The incentive was the originality of the low-budget concept, and the opportunity to use all the music they wanted — for free: Poupaud's son Yarol is a musician and helped set up the deal with Sony. Each director improvised on the assignment: Technie returned to his lycee of the '60s near Toulouse; his party scene lasts nine min-utes; Assayas filmed lyceens of the '70s in the Paris suburbs to a musical delirium that

goes on for 45 minutes. Poupaud's next theme project is on women. The title: "Toutes les femmes

Joan Dupont is a Paris-based writer specializing in the arts.

Les Patriotes

Directed by Eric Rochani.

Ariel (Yvan Attal) has left his family in Paris to become an undercover agent in Israel. After four years of basic training, he is assigned to the Mossad, and to his first missions in Paris. His shadow life is not very exciting: He sits in the wings and engi-neers set-ups, blackmailing Remy, a research scientist (Jean-François Stevenin). Marie-Claude (Sandrine Kimberlain), a call girl who proves to be the undoing of Remy, is the best thing that happens to Ariel. Detached from his old world, he visits his own life like a spy, going to see his sister (Christine Pascal) and casing her apartment as if he might find some clue to his lost humanity. Attal, who looks like Dustin Hoffman, gives one of those minimalist performances — eyes burning, face clammed shut - that goes with his job. displaying more boredom than anguish. The real mystery is why he ever wanted to join the Mossad. Rochant, who has always been interested in the odd man out, sews a postmodern web of disillusion around a musty scene. After 2 hours, 22 minutes of demystification, the game's up and you've been watching one those Cold War thrillers where the shots are fired offscreen, and nobody was (Joan Dupont, IHT)

Bad Boy Bubby

Directed by Rolf De Heer. Australia/Italy

We've seen it all before, in "Tommy" and "The Enigma of Kaspar Hauser" and "Rainman." The gifted. stunted man-child who sets



Eric Rochant, director of "Les Patriotes."

out into the world, buoved and betrayed by his naïveté and common sense. Yet "Bad Boy Bubby" somehow manages to stand on its own as a successful interpretation of a well-wrought genre. Bubby is a thirtysomething little boy whose universe consists of a dreary basement appartment in which he is imprisoned and abused by a sadistic, incestuous mother. After killing his mother and his errant father, Bubby wanders through the post-industrial world of rural Australia, where he is fondled, mugged. ridiculed, and ultimately ar-rested. Linguistically deprived, Bubby tends to repeat the sounds and phrases that he hears on the street, be they a policeman's warning, a drunken man's obscenities. or a cat's snarl. As a human, childlike parrot, Bubby is unable to provide for himself or even to communicate with his strange new world. Then, in a twist of events that could only make sense in a modern age fable, he finds his range -and his fortune -as a cult singer in a rock band. Nicholas Hope is brilliant as the child hostage turned adult outcast turned ageless prophet. And Rolf De Heer's fastpaced direction make this fairy tale into an electrically entertaining and almost believable story. (Ken Shulman IHT)

Directed by Ayoka Chenzira. Britain

Alma Gold (Kim Weston-Moran), the title character of Ayoka Chenzira's good-humored coming-of-age film, "Alma's Rainbow," is the straidaced owner of a beauty parlor who lives with her adolescent daughter, Rainbow (Victoria Gabriella Platt).

The daughter, who attends a strict parochial school and studies dance, is just becoming aware of boys. Although Alma has no dearth of suitors, she has fooled herself into believing she has outgrown the need for male companionship. And she sternly advises her daughter to follow her example and keep men at a distance. Their austere life is disrupted when Alma's, sister, Ruby (Mizan Nunes) appears out of the blue for an extended visit. Ruby is everything her sister is not. A flamboyantly sexy nightclub performer with a trunk full of glittering costumes, she has been making her living in Paris as a Jose-phine Baker imitator. Alihough Ruby's time has passed, she is too proud to admit it, and she still puts on the airs of an international star who is between engagements. Using her wiles, she inveigles the neighborhood's pompous undertaker into shuttling her to auditions in his hearse. To Alma's dismay, Ruby takes Rainbow under her wing and stimu-lates the girl's nascent show-business ambitions. "Alma's Rainbow" is a hip urban sitcom with sepia-toned flashbacks. Although the screenplay largely transcends television formulas, the characters verge on being stock comic types. In its affection for them and in its robust evocation of an black urban "Alma's Rainbow recalls Spike Lee's first film, "She's Gotta Have It." The heart of the movie is the struggle between the selfrighteously prudish Alma and the flamingly free-spirit-ed Ruby for Rainbow's re-

bones about being on Ruby's (Stephen Holden, NYT)

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spect. The movie makes no

Papua New Guinea by Dugout

By Ann Gibbons

MBUNTI, Papua New Guinea — A small group of villagers stood by the side of the grass airstrip as our single-engine plane set down in this settlement on the banks of the Sepik River in Papua New Guinea. No sooner had we climbed out of the plane than our Australian pilot dropped our bags on the grass, spun the plane around and took off. We soon knew why: The mosquitoes had descended on us like vultures on a fresh kill.

As we slathered on mosquito repellent and rolled down our sleeves, the villagers chuckled. This was not the kind of adventure my husband and I had in mind when we made our plans to explore the Sepik, one of the great rivers of the world, which is to Papua New Guinea as the Amazon is to Brazil. Much to our relief, a slender New Guinean soon stepped forward to help us, saying "Ann, Ann?" with a pidgin English accent. This was our guide, Abraham Laklom, and he quickly led us past a few huts to the river bank. There, he pointed to the 30-foot (9-meter) dugout canoe with an outboard motor that was to be our cruise boat for the next three days.

Abraham unfolded two child-sized chairs, placed them one behind the other in the cance and beckoned us to climb in for a sunset cruise upstream. He slapped a wad of mud on a slow leak in the floor and tugged on the motor's starter cord, and we were soon slicing through the brown waters of the upper Sepik — with cool breezes on our faces and, mercifully, out of range of the mosquitoes. We sat back m our chairs and began to take in the scenery - thatched buts built on stilts on the river banks, men's "spirit houses" with fearsome carved figures guarding the doors. dugout canoes with prows in the

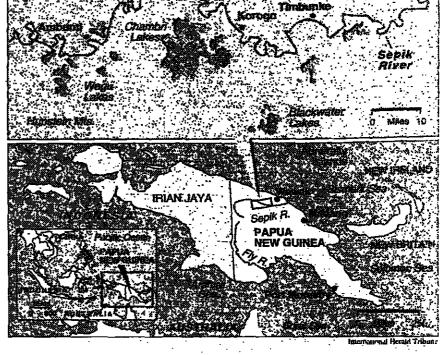
shape of crocodile heads. As the setting sun tinged the river's water gold, a few fires began to light up along the shore, and we caught glimpses of people finishing their day's work. Women were washing the starchy pith of the sago palm in baskets at the water's edge, while men stood on wooden platforms above the fires, chewing betel nut and spitting the red juice on the ground. Children bobbed in the water, waving and calling out "Apinun, apinun" (pidgin for "Good afternoon").

HE light was fading when we beached on the muddy shore of one village, where we could see the silhouettes of men rubbing hot charcoal onto a cedar log. Abraham introduced us to the men, who were dressed in Western clothes; but several had holes in their ear lobes the size of wine corks, and patterns of raised scars on their chests. They were friendly and eager to show us how they were making the log into a canoe, but these markings from initiation rites reminded us of their heritage as warriors and headhunters.

Ever since I had read Margaret Mead's vivid descriptions of "the pace of life in a cannibal tribe" in the Sepik in the 1930s, I had wanted to travel there to meet these people. I also was drawn by their art, having seen collections in museums in the United States of the carved masks, shields, musical instruments and figures that were once used in ceremonies to celebrate a spirit world of ancestors and animal beings.

We chose to travel by dugout canoe because we wanted to explore the river's

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tributaries and lakes, where the villages are smaller, friendlier and less visited. The wide, fast-moving Sepik River is the major highway of the region, and we had heard that some of the tribes living along the well-traveled sections of the middle and lower river were dour from too much exposure to Westerners.

We began our trip in Ambunti, 475 miles north of Port Moresby, where we stayed at the simple but clean Ambunti

Lodge after our sunset tour upriver. The next morning we were up and in our canoe early, but the river already was bustling with life. We glided past canoes paddled by women returning from market, taxi cances carrying 8 to 10 people, and mini canoes maneuvered by children who were out fishing. When we spied an interesting-looking village, such as Kor-ogo and Kanganaman in the middle Sepik, Abraham would tie up the canoe alongside a series of the villagers' canoes. and we'd clamber over them to shore.

The first destination was usually the haus tambaran, or spirit house, where the men gather to carve wooden artifacts, to talk and to relax in the shade. Historically, women have been barred from these houses, where the men undergo their se-cret initiation rites. But the rule is bent for Western women, because these houses also serve as galleries where the men display and sell their carvings, which are now made primarily for tourists.

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■ No Excuses Sportswear, which knows how to make a buck, on the backs of scandal-tainted women, has apparently selected Paula Jones as its pinup girl, says The Washington Post. No Excuses does have its standards, however. Recently, the company turned down Tonya Harding because it was looking to upgrade its image,

After spending the morning exploring villages along the middle Sepik, Abraham turned our cance south into a narrow channel that flows into the less traveled Chambri Lakes region. This was the highlight of the trip. As we pressed farther downstream, the foliage became more dense and the birds more numerous. We flushed out flock after flock of herons, egrets and cormo-rants, which swooped gracefully out in front of our bow Tree frogs chirped rhythmically as we skimmed along. At the end of at Chambri Lake, where we were to stay in Walindimi, a village at the foot of a lush hillside, where the mist was rising from the treetops when we landed.

THE next morning, we moved on to Tambanum along the middle Sepik, where the people are renowned for their carvings and where Margaret Mead had lived for some time. We were indeed impressed by the Tambanum masks, and the villagers there showed us the site where "Miss Margaret's" house had been (now overtaken by the river). But they were more jaded than the people of the Chambri Lakes who had not had their fill of westerners - yet. The bonus, however, was that the guest house across the river from Tambanum turned out to be luxurious by Sepik standards; it had a shower and a large porch where we could sit in wicker chairs and watch the canoes on the river, as we sipped sodas and found relief from the hot sun.

Finally, our adventure ended with a short canoe ride back up the river to Timbunke, where we pulled up on shore right beside another grass airstrip. As we took off in the same single-engine plane, waving goodbye to Abraham and Richard, I realized there was only one part of the trip I would not miss - the mosquitoes. But there was no escaping them: They were on board with us.

Ann Gibbons, a contributing correspondent for Science magazine, wrote this for The New York Times.

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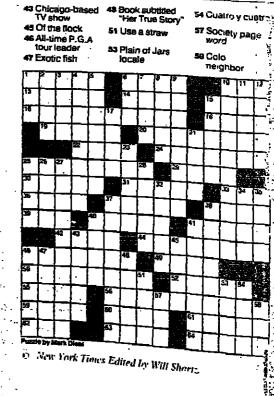
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Portofino: A Postcard **Dotted With Yachts**

ORTOFINO, Italy — Several years ago, a few of the Italians ensconced in villas on Portofino's green slopes, from which they could see their yachts down at the marina, were in the habit of sending their helicop-ters to Genoa, 15 miles to the northwest, every morning to fetch the newspapers from Milan and Turin in time for breakfast.

The rotor noise irked other guests of Portofino, so in 1991 the municipal council, representing the little harbor fown's 650 year-round residents, banned all choppers from its vast territory. And thus ended air service to one of the most elegant resorts along the Italian Riviera.

More recently, the ancient town welcomed another, noiseless, means of transportation that added a new dimension to a Portofino holiday: a sightseeing submarine. Tritone 2, a 56-foot (17-meter) long, 106ton craft with a crew of two, since March 1993 has taken as many as 46 paying passengers 150 feet below the surface of the sea off the rocky peninsula. Large portholes permit the observation of underwater flora and fauna, floodlighted by the submarine.

The sheltered natural deco-water harbor at the southeastern tip of the square, hilly peninsula was called Portus Delphini, or dolphin's harbor, by the ancient Romans - whence the name Portofino.

The facades of the old fishermen's dwellings, in faded yellow, other, brown or blue, are all are designated as historic landmarks. Nobody would suspect that the interiors have long been gutted and restructured into small, smart apartments for people who live elsewhere most of the time.

In Portofino as elsewhere along the Italjan Riviera, seafood dominates the menus, although most of the products come from far away by refrigerator truck or air because the sea off Liguria has long been overfished, and to a great extent is pollut-ed. A regional specialty is pesto as garnish for pasta dishes. The green sauce contains olive oil, basil and other berbs, garlic, pecorino or Parmesan cheese, and finely ground pine nuts. Among the Ligurian wines, mostly whites, the vintages grown in the rocky Cinque Terre are particularly recommended.

The elegant eating places around the harbor and piazzetta of Portofino are good and expensive. One of the best is Delfino, on the Piazza Martiri dell'Olivetta, recently refurbished by the veteran restaurateur Carmelo Carluzzo with white-washed walls, modern paintings, a black-and-white pavement and stylish chairs. Try the scampi and risottos. Pitosforo, on Molo Umberto I, has a lofty veranda overlooking the marina. Dinner for two, with wine is \$100 to \$130.

High above the port, on the crest of the promontory, a white flag with a red cross on a tall pole was fluttering in the breeze. It is Portofino's St. George's Cross (the same one that, together with the crosses of St. Andrew and St. Patrick, appears on the Union Jack). The adjacent parish church of Portofino treasures what is believed to be a relic of St. George, England's patron saint. The British have since the Middle Ages shown a particular liking for Portofino. King Richard the Lion-Hearted of England sailed from here in 1190 for the Third Crusade. And, much more recently, distinguished Britons, like the Earl of Carnavon,

'Code Sharing': What No One Tells You

By Roger Collis nal Herald Tribune

TOU never know these days whether the airline you booked on is the one you will actually fly. Or whether you'll start out on one type of plane and arrive on another.

Just as you're about to board your SAS flight from Copenhagen to New York, you discover that the service is being operated by Austrian Airlines. The flight you booked on Cathay Pacific from Hong Kong to Ho Chi Minh City turns out to be Vietnam Airlines. You may not be happy to find that your Delta flight from New York to Buda-pest is operated by Malev-Hungarian Airlines. You book business class on British Airways from London Garwick to Marseille and find yourself in sardine class on a Fokker 28 operated by TAT. Nobody told you that the Continental flight from London to Denver with a through flight number involves a two-hour stop in Newark. And what you thought was a BA flight from Syracuse to London is really USAir on the first leg to Philadelphia.

These are examples of bow you can become a victim of "code-sharing" - a system whereby one or more airlines agree to use the same "designator code" or flight cism that code-sharing is misleading because the traveler is buying one product but getting another. An analysis by the U. S. Department of Transportation found that 30 percent of passengers on code-share flights are not told which carri-

er they will be flying.

"If the airlines can create a seamless service through code-sharing, we'd be very glad," says Tony Hockley, economic advi-sor at the Air Transport Users Council (AUC) in London, "Our concern is that the passenger should be told. And we know that is not the case. Airlines shouldn't rush into these alliances for marketing reasons without looking at the

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effect on passenger services. We've had complaints from people who have flown to the States and found themselves changing to a little prop aircraft when they thought they were flying BA or Delta. TAT flies on BA codes from Gatwick to Lyon and Marseille. But you may not know until you're on the plane."

"Passengers often panic when they get off a 747 and find themselves on a cigar tube — that's the issue," says Ron Speirs, a vice president of Reed Travel Group in Chicago. "I think if people knew that, they might ask a few more questions - or take a different service."

"If you buy a ticket on BA and wind up flying on a U.S. carrier that's almost broke, you may not want to fly on that," says Hans Krakauer, spokesman for the International Airline Passengers Association in Lisbon. "As a passenger, you are entitled to be told when the flight you booked is operated by another carrier. You must have the right of refusal to

Code-sharing is nothing new. It started back in 1960s when U. S. commuter airlines started using the same codes as the majors when connecting at their hubs. Traveling between Stockholm and Geneva in the early 1970s, Swissair and SAS had "double designator" codes, so you could find yourself flying one or the other line (still the case). And the morning Swissair flight from Geneva to Milan was operated by a Fokker Friendship chartered from Balair. "About four years ago I flew Air New Zealand from Sydney to Auckland on a Qantas plane with a Qantas crew." That's what is called a "wet

An example of a "dry lease" that went wrong is told by a former TWA executive: Back in 1987, TWA had no evening flight from Heathrow to New York. So we struck a deal with Gulf Air. They had a plane which came in late afternoon, and we flew it to New York with a TWA crew. Once a party of orthodox Jews came on board, and seeing that everything was in Arabic, got off the plane."

Code-sharing comes in many guises: an

'on-line" change of plane with the same airline; connecting from one airline to another with the same flight code; "double designator" flights — one airline operating the service; "blocked seat" arrangements whereby one airline sells seats under its own code on another airline; and franchise agreements whereby one airline pays another for the right to carry its name. Thus Virgin Atlantic has a franchise agreement with the Irish airline, Cityjet, from London City Airport to Dublin; and British Air-

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Krakauer is concerned that code-sharing may replace the passenger's right to "interline" from one carrier to another under IATA rules — whereby baggage is checked through; a through fare rather than a "sector" fare is applied, and the tariff attribution between carriers is done automatically by the IATA clearing system.

"You must maintain the passenger's right to switch carriers to go to a specific destination," Krakauer says. "I was traveling from Lisbon to San Antonio: I flew to Newark and then had to get a separate ticket on Delta because there was no interline. Why? Because you've now got airlines going all the way through code-sharing."

Code-sharing works best for the traveler when partner airlines share the same quality and culture: the case with SAS, Swissair, and Austrian in their Quality Alliance. The device may enable consortiums of smaller airlines to compete with the majors in the global arena, providing more choice for consumers. Passengers can benefit through frequent-flier plan tie-ins. And they may have less hassle with connecting flights. JAL passengers connecting on a code-share flight with KLM at Schiphol en route for Madrid or Zurich are met by a JAL repre-

Airline timetables should reveal code share flights or joint operations. But the best way to make sure is to subscribe to a neutral data base such as the ABC or Official Airline Guides. Failing this, take an ABC or OAG pocket guide with you. If in doubt, call the airline.

number for connecting flights in order to have bought properties on the peninsula. By Paul Hofmann attract more business. Airlines say that The vistas from the height of the prom-New York Tunes Service code-sharing offers more choice to travelontory are spectacular. On clear days one ers and a "seamless service" with one can see as far as the Capo delle Mele, a cliff 60 miles (100 kilometers) west of boarding card. But there is growing criti-Genoa and the resorts and hills along the

Gulf of Rapallo to the east. After visiting the Church of St. George, some visitors proceed on a footpath for half an hour to the lighthouse to take in the vistas of the sea and of the Gulf of Rapallo with the fantastically rugged Cinque Terre coast at its eastern end. Cinque Terre means "five lands" — five little fishing and wine-growing villages in as many coves separated from the rest of

the mainland and from each other by

steep cliffs and ridges.

If you like trekking, take the marked path from Portofino to the ancient fishing port and abbey of San Fruttuoso on the south side of the square-shaped peninsula, The distance as the seagull flies is barely two miles, but the hike, up and down the rocky peninsula, may take two hours, af-fording beautiful views and a chance of seeing patches of the macchia, the dense Mediterranean underbrush that has long disappeared from most stretches of the Italian coastline. San Fruttuoso can also be reached, with less effort, by boats that sail from Portofino's embarcadero several

times a day. There is no road to the village. However, most visitors, instead of climbing the steps to the parish church and the panoramic balustrades nearby, just stroll in the neighborhood close to the harbor.

HE Via Roma, like most of the town, is closed to motor traffic. Autos arriving on the narrow, curving three-mile highway from Santa Margherita Ligure can only get as far as the elongated Piazza Liberta where the town hall stands. If they don't find a vacant slot in the town's only public parking garage, motorists must turn around and drive back all the way.

In fact, almost all the excursionists take the evening boats back to the nearby coastal resorts or otherwise leave the peninsula around sunset, because Portofino can't accommodate too many guests. Its few hotels have only 179 beds.

There is, of course, the Splendido. One of the most famous and expensive hotels in all of Italy, the Splendido is a former private villa on a luxuriant hillside a mile from town. Its own access road from the peninsula's only highway snakes up across' a sloping park with pine and cypress trees and diverse plants from Mexico, South Africa, China, Japan and other parts of the world. From the balconied rooms of the yellow-and-pink building and from its flowery terraces guests see an overwhelming panorama of the harbor, the forested spur of the promontory beyond it, and the

A wall near the dark-paneled reception desk displays portraits of celebrities who have stayed here, mostly show-business personages from Clark Gable and John Wayne to Larry Hagman, who as J. R.

Ewing in "Dallas" won TV fame in Italy. The Duke and Duchess of Windsor, Greta Garbo, Ernest Hemingway, Ingrid Bergman, Aristotle Onassis — all stayed at the Splendido at one time or another, and dined in style on the terrace high above the heated outdoor swimming pool. Its 63 rooms cost up to \$559 for two with







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Musée Plantin-Moretus, tel: (3) 233-02-94, closed Mondays. Con-tinuing/To July 24: "Gerard Merca-tor et la Geographie dans les Pays-Bas Mendionaux."

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British Museum, tel: (71) 323-8525, open daily. To Oct. 23: "Greek Gold: Jewellery of the Classical World."

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trasts in Royal Patronage." A collection of paintings by 18th-century potrarilists Gainsborough and Reynolds from the royal collection.

Royal Opera at Covent Garden, tel: (71) 240-1066. A revival of Massenet's "Manon." Directed by John Cox, conducted by Colin Davis with Leontina Vaduva and Giuseppe Sab-batini. July 2, 5, 8, 13, 18 and 21.

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Kunstindustrimuseet, tel: 33-14-94-

sign in the 1990s," Objects and pro-totypes from all Scandinavian coun-tries, showing concern for the environment, awareness of the po-tentialities of natural materials and the tradition of craftsmanship.

91-21-26, closed Mondays. To Aug. 7: "The Golden Age of Danish Parming." More than 100 paintings from the first half of the 19th century; landscapes, marine views, cityscapes, portraits and genre scenes by Chris-toffer Wilhelm Eckersberg, Jens Juel and Christen Kobke.

FRANCE

American Center, tel: 44-73-77-77, open daily. To Dec. 1: "Bill Viola: Stations." A video installation of five channels of color video projection and sound focuses on images of the closed Sundays. To July 16: "Words in a Box." Traces the evolution of art in boxes from the early Surrealist years to the Pop and Fluxus movements of the 1960s and to the present day. The exhibition features works by Joseph Cornell, Claes Oldenburg.

Domaine de Bagatelle, tel: 45-01-20-10, open daily. Continuing/To July 31: "Kyoto-Paris-Kyoto: 1200 Ans d'Influences,"

Musée du Louvre, tel: 40-20-51-51 closed Tuesdays Continuing/To Sept. 5: "La Réforme des Trois Car-raci: Le Dessin a Bologne, 1580-1620." More than 100 drawings by Lodovico Carraci, his two cousins and their pupils. Also, to Dec. 26. "La Collection Purforcat-Niarchos." Exhibited once every 10 years, the Greek shipping tycoon's collection includes gold goblets, silver dishes. spice boxes and silverware dating from the 16th to the 20th centuries Musée Marmottan-Claude Monet, tel: 42-24-07-02. Continuing/To Oct. 2: "La Nouvelle Vague: L'Es-tampe Japonaise de 1868 à 1939 dans la Collection Robert O. Muller." More than 150 Japanese prints, dal-ing back to the opening of Japan to

the West in 1868. Rouen Musée des Beaux-Arts, tel: 35-71-28-40, closed Tuesdays. To Nov. 14: "Rouen, Les Cathedrales de Monet." 17 paintings from the series of views of the western portal of the Rouen cathedral, which Monet painted in 1894, and were then dispersed in museums and private collections

Saint-Germain-en-Laye Musée des Antiquités Nationales tel: (1) 34-51-53-65, closed Tues days. Continuing/To July 18: "Ver-cingetorix et Alesia." Artifacas from the Gauls penod, including weapons. wels and vases.

throughout the world.

GERMANY

Deutsche Oper, tel: (30) 3-41-02-49. Puccini's "La Boheme." Directed by Gotz Friedrich, conducted by Ra nando de la Mora/Antonio Ordonez

Lausanne Kunst- und Ausstellungshalle, tel: (228) 9171-200. Continuing/To

Fondation de l'Hermitage, tel: (21) 320-50-01, open daily. To Oct. 23: "Les Peintres de Zborowski: Modigiiani, Utrillo, Soutine et leurs Amis." The art dealer Leopold Zborowski be-Oct. 16: "Europa, Europa: Das Jahr-hundert der Avantgarde in Mittel- und Osteuropa." 700 hundred works by 200 painters and sculptors from the came rich when Dr. Paul H. Barnes bought 150 peintings by Soutine and 15 by Modigliam for his collection in 1522. The exhibition presents 20 works each by Modiglianl and Sou-tine, landscapes by Utrillo and sever-al paintings by Keiling. Cologne Museum Ludwig, tel: (221) 2-21-23-79, closed Mondays. Continuing/To July 10: "Der Unbekannte Modigliani: Die Sammlung Paul Alexandre." Features more than 400 drawings and watercolors created by Modigliani between 1907 and 1914. al paintings by Kisling.

al paintings by Kusling.

Martigny
Fondation Pierre Giannada, tel:
(26) 22-39-7B, open daily. To Nov.
1: "De Matisse a Picasso." 80 paintings, drawings and sculptures by 30
20th-century artists including works by Bonnard, Matisse, Braque, Picasso, Balthus and Chagali.

UNITED STATES

Los Angeles Los Angeles County Museum of Art, tel: (213) 857-6000, closed Mondays and Tuesdays. To Aug. 28: "Korean Arts of the 18th Century: Splendor and Simplicity." 125 items Including paintings, ceramics, callig-raphy, furniture, textiles and imperial regalia. A dozen works are designated as National Treasures by the Korean government.

Frick Art Museum, tel: (412) 371-0600, closed Mondays. To July 24: "Facing the Past: Nineteenth-Century Portraits from the Collection of the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts." A visual record of the changing face of America in the 1800s, as seen through the portraits of American painters such as Rembrandt Peal, John Singer Sargent and Thomas Sully. A small contemporary exhibi-tion includes portraits by modern artists such as Chuck Close, Andy War hol and Jamie Wyeth,

National Gallery of Art, tel: (202) 737-4215, open daily. To Oct. 2: "Gemini G. E. L.: Recent Prints and Sculpture." A selection of 73 prints and edition sculpture produced over the last decade at the Gernini G. E. L. workshop in Los Angeles, demon-strating a provocative range of styles, mediums and techniques. Among the artists represented are Richard Die-benkorn, David Hockney, Jasper

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On June 25: "Paysages, Paysans." Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris. On June 26: "Pompeji Wieder Ent-deckt." Antikenmuseum, Basel. On June 26: "Medardo Rosso: Impressionist Sculptor." Scottish Na-tional Gallery of Modern Art, Edin-

By Alan Truscott

THE Eastern Regional Championships began with

a mentalist and a hypnotist.

60 years ago, and the originator

seems to have been Dorothy

Rice Sims. On the diagramed

deal from a team game, she

opened the East hand in third

seat with a psychic two no-

trump, purporting to have a strong balanced hand.

Her retreat to three clubs af-

On June 26: "Da Ansel Adams a Andy Warhol: Ritratti e Autoritratti dalla Collezione dell'Università del Michigan." Palazzo Fortuny, Ven

On June 30: "Works by the COBRA Group." Museum of Modern Art, Buenos Aires.

BRIBGE

~ RECOVERING

- AMERICAN LITERATURE By Peter Shaw. 203 pages. \$22. Ivan R. Dee.

Reviewed by Katherine Knorr

the political commissars run-ning university Lit Crit estab-

A MERICAN literary clas-sics, from Whitman to Wright have been hijacked by the political commissars run-

hishments. No longer are any of these novels celebrations of man's grandeur in the face of tragedy or anything square like that. Now they are judged by Dick" must have something to this century. His say to American Indians and to pretty frightening.

WHAT THEY'RE READING Fernando Trueba, the Spanish filmmaker who directed "Belle Epoque," is reading, "Turnaround: A Memoir," by

Milos Forman and Jan Novak. "The book tells about his carly years in Czechoslovakia and his exile in the United States and how he begins his moviedirecting career in America aiter having made films in Czechoslovakia. It's an interesting life." (Al Goodman, IHT)



Peter Shaw has looked at five classics — "The Scarlet Letter,"
"Moby Dick," "Billy Budd," "The Adventures of Huckleber-ry Finn" and "The Bostonians" - and studied the change in their take on gender or race — and studied the change in discrimination. Thus "Moby critical approach roughly over this century. His findings are

Where earlier critics fought over art for its own sake versus art for edifying purposes, or over scales of vision, critics be-ginning with Marxists in the 1930s started analyzing, and in some ways rewriting, the great books to square with their own crackpot view of history. Things became distinctly

had to be accommodated grew larger than ever. The difficulty with interpreting the classics to mean whatever is fashionable is that sometimes the actual text doesn't lend itself to this.

haunted by the young man's All sort of methods are used memory. In contemporary critithen, from saying that the au- cism, however, Billy becomes a the angriest at the portrayal of

meant, to saying that he said tain Vere becomes a representaone thing but meant another tive of the military industrial because he was being ironic. complex. Thus Melville is made to be a revolutionary when he was himself hardly the radical right deeply suspicious of radical re- on interpretations of "Billy form, and Hawthorne is made Budd." Writing in a didaction to be a feminist when he burdens Hester Prynne with the the way left-wing intellectuals scarlet letter.

One interesting example is committed unwittingly is interpreted as an American class struggle. Never mind that "Billy Budd" takes place in 18th-centuworse in the 1960s, when the ry England, in a military setting where mutiny was rife, or that number of "victim" groups that Melville clearly means that laws must be enforced.

Billy is an innocent who is

guilty of killing; Captain Vere. who orders him hanged, is a

complex man essentially doing

his job, who will forever be

thor didn't know what he victim of the system, and Cap-

Shaw cites Lionel Trilling novel, Trilling set side by side were at pains to defend Stalin's show trials on the one hand. criticism of "Billy Budd," where with their denunciation on the the harsh punishment of the other of the execution of Billy eponymous hero for a murder he Budd for a crime he did after all commit, as the symbol of bloodthirsty tyranny.

> not unified, of course, and at opposite poles are those who reject the classics (or dead white males anyway) and those who wish to kidnap them for their OWN DUIDOSES. One interesting aspect is the

The Lit Crit establishment is

divergence between white and black interpretations of "Huckleberry Finn," for example. Whereas black intellectuals might have been expected to be class.

Jim and at Huck's less than stalwart backing of the runaway slave, black writers at various times have defended Twain as giving Jim a basic humanity that black characters rarely achieved in 19th-century fiction.

Many critics of Twain, however, fall into the trap of seeing slavery as the central issue of the novel, which it is not, and of faulting Twain, writing in the 19th century, for not holding the enlightened political views that come so easily to tenured professors in the 20th.

ter being doubled revealed the Ultimately the problem with situation, but it was not easy for \$1732 the opponents to organize an \$865 accurate slam auction and they \$854 fashionable literary criticism throughout most of this century is that it has been ward politics rested in four spades. North pretending to be thinking. might well have raised to five The interpretation of great spades instead of four, but they works of art is part of man's would not have reached the best process of self-knowledge. At

its best, criticism is a philosoph-That was seven hearts, and it The bidding: ical journey. As its worst, as this was reached by Mrs. Sim's West teammates with the Northinteresting book shows us in today's universities, it's a bull ses-South cards. Luckily for them, Pass sion in the remedial reading East did not open the bidding. In a modern game, the only

seen that seven spades would a danger of the proceedings behave failed. ing disrupted by Gerry Mac-South made his seven-heart Cambridge, who could, in thecontract slam by ruffing a club ory, read his partner's mind or in his hand. Trumps were hypnotize the opposition. He is drawn, since the heart jack became marked when the A-Q He is also a psychic. This were cashed. South made one term came into use more than

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would open three clubs, four clubs or five clubs. It will be

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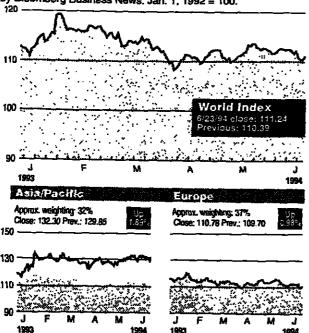




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Finance	116.65	114.88	+1.54	Consumer Goods	97.41	97.51	-0.10
Services	115.83	115.02	+0.70	Miscellaneous	122.51	122.18	+0.27

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Sanofi **Buys Into** U.S. Firm

Kodak Sells Unit For \$1.68 Billion

NEW YORK - Sanofi Group, a French cosmetics and health-care company, will buy Sterling Winthrop Inc.'s pre-scription drug business for \$1.68 billion in cash, the companies announced Thursday.

The deal represents the first major step by Sterling's parent, Eastman Kodak Co., to remove itself from the drug business.

The deal gives Sanofi, a unit

of French oil group Elf Aquitaine SA, a direct presence in the U.S. market. Sanofi also would bolster its presence in Latin America, Southeast Asia and Japan.

Sterling's prescription drug business generated about \$1.2 billion in sales last year. The addition will boost Sanosi's pharmaceutical revenues to more than \$3.2 billion a year.

Sanofi said it might sell parts of the Sterling operation that do not fit its growth strategy, which is built around prescription rather than over-thecounter drugs.

This is where we see the fu-

ture," said Kurt Briner, executive vice president of Sanofi Pharmacenticals.

Sterling Winthrop had operated both its prescription and nonprescription drug businesses in separate alliances with Sanofi since 1991. Their agreement gave Sanofi first refusal rights to buy Sterling's prescription business

As part of the deal, Sanofi said it would sell its minority stake in Sterling Health Europe, which specializes in over-thecounter drugs, to Kodak for an unspecified sum. Kodak said it still intends to

sell its nonprescription drug business, which has annual O International Herald Tribune products like Bayer aspirin, made.

A Twist to EU Infighting New Rail Line Meets Unexpected Delay

By Tom Buerkle

BRUSSELS — On the European list of cross-border transportation projects, the high-speed railway from Paris to Brussels looks too obvious and too vital to question.

The line will bring the "capital of Europe" within virtual commuting distance of Paris, slashing travel time to one hour and 22 minutes from two and a half bours and raising capacity to 14 million passengers a year from 5 million now.

What's more, with connections to the north, east and the Channel Tunnel, the project stands to turn Brussels into a high-speed rail hub linking London, Amsterdam, Co-

logne and Frankfurt. But in a twist on the border problems that often plague Europe's drive toward a single market, the railway's promise is blocked not by national frontiers but by divisions between Belgium's own French and Dutch-speaking

Officials of the southern, French-speaking region of Wallonia are withholding building permits for a 25-kilometer (15-mile) stretch of the Paris-Brussels line until they get guarantees that the connection to Germany, which will stop in the Walloon city of Liège, will be built. "If it ends in Liège, it has no sense." says Frank Duboisse, a spokesman for the Walloon ministry of public works. "It's a

dead end for our region, not an opportunity." Flemish officials meanwhile have yet to issue permits for much of the Brussels-Cologne line that passes through Dutch-speaking territory, insisting on better soundproof-ing and environmental protection.

The standoff has pushed back the planned completion of the Paris-Brussels line by one year, to May 1997, at an added cost of some 3 billion Belgian francs (\$91 million). Etienne Schouppe, the head of the Belgian railways, warned recently that a "bidding war" be-tween the French and Dutch-speaking communities would cause further delay and damage the project's financial viability.

Although Belgium's internal dispute is unique, the resulting delays are not. At their summit meeting in Corfu, Greece, on Friday and Saturday, European Union leaders are expected to approve a massive program of transportation projects, the most visible element of their efforts to boost Europe's growth and competitiveness. But many of the 11 top priority projects face a multitude of environ-mental, administrative and financial hurdles.

The British government will seek bids this year from private builders for a high-speed rail line from London to the Channel Tunnel, but construction will have to wait another two years for enabling legislation from Parliament, and the link is not expected to be completed before 2002.

Environmental concerns in Austria are expected to delay by more than two years the start of work on a rail-freight link between Germany and Italy via the Brenner Pass. And France and Italy have yet to agree on whether high-speed rail line from Lyon to Turin should handle truck traffic, a decision that could boost the French tab alone from 18 billion French francs (\$3 billion) to 40 billion. Officials at the European Commission ac-

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Conseco's Bid For Kemper Exceeds GE's

CARMEL, Indiana - Conseco Inc. appeared Thursday to have bested General Electric the expense side." Co.'s bid for Kemper Corp., of-fering to pay \$3.25 billion to acquire the insurance, brokerage and mutual fund company.

The offer from Conseco, which has grown by acquiring 11 insurance companies in the past 11 years, equaled \$67 a share in cash and stock, compared with \$60 a share in cash from GE Capital Corp. It would represent one of the largest insurance mergers ever.

In Stamford, Connecticut, GE Capital said that in light of Conseco's offer, it would not submit a firm bid for Kemper, AFP-Extel News reported.)

Although Conseco has a market value of just \$1.3 billion, less than 2 percent of GE's, it raised a \$624 million fund for acquisitions this year.

SBS Financial Group in Westport, Connecticut.

"It fits into their style of buy-ing companies, primarily life insurers, and squeezing them on

A merger with Kemper, based in Long Grove, Illinois, would turn Conseco and its acquisition fund into a company with 9.000 employees, \$85 billion in assets and net revenue and premiums of \$4.2 billion. Conseco said it had offered

each Kemper share. The company would issue between 6.6 million and 8 million shares to Kemper's stockholders, depending on the share price just before the merger is completed.

\$56 in cash and \$11 in stock for

The \$3.25 billion figure is based on the number of fully diluted Kemper shares and the existing Kemper long-term debt and nonconvertible preferred

"Conseco is big enough to Kemper has \$90 billion of life pull this off if they have the insurance in force and is Americash commitments," said Ira ca's seventh-largest mutual Zuckerman, an analyst with fund operator, with 41 funds and \$34.5 billion in assets under management.

Europe's Unisource Buys AT&T Stake

LONDON - Unisource, a Netherlands-based consortium of European telecommunications companies, said Thursday it would acquire a stake in WorldPartners Co., an AT&T Corp. venture, to provide global voice and data communications services to multinational cor-

The deal with Unisource, a partnership among the national telecommunications companies in Sweden, Switzerland and the Netherlands, represents the end of a long search by AT&T for a European partner. In the past, AT&T had talked with Deutsche Telekom, France Telecom, MCI sales of over \$1 billion with and Britain's Energis, but no deals were

The alliance is not a total surprise, as AT&T and Unisource already are jointly developing a pan-European business private network for an association of 30 multinationals.

"Today's announcement attests to the global capability and strength of our alliance," said Simon Krieger, president of WorldPartners.

The companies wouldn't specify the value of Unisource's investment. Sprint Corp. of the United States, France Telecom and Deutsche Telekom previously said they were combining forces to build a seamless international communications network for voice, data and,

eventually, video. MCI Communications Corp. — the

third major U.S. long-distance telephone company after Sprint and AT&T - then won approval from the U.S. Justice Department to move forward with its international network, initially targeted at busi-

■ Olivetti and Hughes Team Up

Ing. C. Olivetti & Co. of Italy and Hughes Network Systems Inc., a unit of General Motors Corp., said they would offer satellite-based communications systems to businesses across Europe, in one of the world's smallest joint ventures in telecommunications. Erik Ipsen of the International Herald Tribune reported from

Germany Affirms Its Rate Stance

POTSDAM, Germany -The Bundesbank applied verbal balm to bruised financial markets Thursday but stopped short of cutting interest rates, saying a credible policy would be its best contribution to market stability.

Addressing concerns about possible changes in the basics of Bundesbank policy head-on, President Hans Tietmeyer geting that the Bundesbank has followed for 19 years was still in place, despite bloated M-3 money-supply growth.

"Our M-3 policy is not up for debate," he said after the central bank's annual out-of-town meeting in the East German city of Potsdam.

The Bundesbank left unchanged its leading discount rate at 4.5 percent and Lombard rate at 6 percent. The policy-making council also made no decision on the future course of its main money market rate, the securities-repurchase or repo rate.

We think the official interest rates are at an appropriate level now," Mr. Tietmeyer said. Mild speculation of a rate move in financial markets had focused on a cosmetic adjust-

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WALL STREET WATCH

Market Terms Befuddle Investors

By Jerry Knight

Washington Post Service **TASHINGTON** — To find out how well people under-stand mutual funds and other investments, researchers for the Securities and Exchange Commission sat down with a group of investors in Richmond, Virginia, a few months back.

"In your own words, how would you distinguish between a money market deposit account and a money market mutual fund?" interviewer Amy O'Connell asked the panelists.

By Laurence Zuckerman

is being viewed on Wall Street need only

A few months after Mr. Gerstner took over in April 1993, International Busi-

ness Machines Corp. stock plunged to a

low of \$41. But since then, the price has

risen almost 50 percent. On the New York Stock Exchange late Thursday, IBM was trading at \$61.625, down 37.5

look at the share price.

tional Herald Tribute

EW YORK — Anyone won-

dering how the brief tenure of

Louis V. Gerstner Jr. as IBM's

chairman and chief executive

"I think that maybe a mutual fund would be a little more safe," answered

"Well, I would think the opposite," another said.

"How about you, Julia?" Ms. O'Connell asked a woman who works for the state government. "I have no idea."

Most of the people the SEC asked did understand ordinary mutual funds that invest in stocks, but "money market" investments were another matter, Confusion between money market ac-

counts offered by banks and money market mutual funds offered by both banks and investment companies is rampant, the SEC's research revealed.

One basic difference is that the banks' money market accounts are protected by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., so

That wins Mr. Gerstner a fair measure

of respect, but he still has a long way to go. While many strategists and analysts

are touting IBM as a buy, a number of

others have cooled their ardor for the

company, saying the stock cannot main-

I think you probably should take some chips off the table," said David Wu, an

analyst at S.G. Warburg & Co. That is

exactly what Jay P. Stevens, an analyst at

Dean Witter, has done. He began recom-

mending the stock last summer; last

week, he changed his rating to to neutral

"If you have ridden it up from the 40s,

Big Blue Stages a Rebound Under Gerstner

tain its current growth.

from buy.

while money market mutual funds are not insured, regardless of whether they are sold by banks or independent mutual fund companies.

But that distinction has been blurred in the past month because several companies selling mutual funds - including a bank - have bailed out money market mutual funds that lost money when in-

terest rates took an unexpected jump. The willingness of fund managers to step in and cover losses may be good for investors in the short term, but federal regulators and financial scholars said it ultimately only adds to the confusion by

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Both analysts are bullish on the long-term prospects for IBM, and they offered

complimentary reviews of Mr.

Gerstner's performance so far. But the

company still faces major hurdles and is

a strong '94 and a strong '95," Mr. Wu said. "To make money from here, you have to be sure that '96 will be a good

was wooed from his post as chief at RJR Nabisco Inc., IBM has tackled many of

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Under Mr. Gerstner, an outsider who

The stock price today is discounting

fully valued now, they said.

A 'Positive' Eurotunnel Rights Issue

LONDON - Eurotunnel PLC SA, operator reception. of the Channel tunnel, said on Thursday it had found buyers for two-thirds of the British part of its massive £858 million (\$1.32 billion) rights

Aggressive selling of Eurotunnel shares and tumbling European stock markets ahead of the the U.K.," said another analyst. issue had prompted fears that a large chunk would be left with the underwriters.

British investors took 67.7 percent of the shares, while the remainder of the issue was sold in the market at 269.46 pence, at a discount to the company's share price.

Share analysts said the outcome was fairly positive and noted the critical part of the issue was yet to come when results from the continental European portion, which involves mainly French investors, is announced on July 7.

ain are expected to give the issue a fairly warm

"I would have thought it was a reasonable outcome," said one transport analyst at a leading British securities house. "If you look at it historically, the French

response has always been more positive than in The 3-for-5 issue was launched May 26, at a 25

percent discount to the then-355 pence market price, as part of Eurotunnel's £1.6 billion rescue refinancing to fund it to a projected cash breakeven point in 1998. The undersea rail tunnel carried its first freight traffic a week before the issue. The tunnel will open to the public in October, but a full-scale

passenger service will not start until next year. rench investors, is announced on July 7.

Meanwhile, in Tokyo, the co-president, Sir
The result so far covers just 25 percent of the
Alastair Morton, said Eurotunnel hopes to gen-

total issue, with investors in Continental Europe erate enough cash in less than two years to be accounting for 75 percent, Investors outside Britable to refinance part of its debt.

Latin American Study Cites Productivity Gains

ional Herald Tribune LONDON - Latin America's debt crisis of the 1980s may not have been such a bad thing after all, according to a study on productivity by the management consultants McKinsey & Co.

The study, being released Friday, concludes that the political and economic changes wrought by that decade have paid off with surprising speed. "Latin America is rapidly

closing the gap with the developed countries," said McKinsey's Gustavo Lopetegui, one of the report's authors. "We did not expect to see productivity increase so dramatically." The report is the result of a nine-month examination of labor productivity in four indus-

tries in the region's five largest economies. It reveals, though, that irrespective of the pace of change, Latin America still has a long way to go. It found that on average, productivity in the banking, processed food and steel industries ranged from 29 percent to 37 percent of the levels in the most productive industrialized nations.

Only in telecommunications third of its jobs. was the picture markedly brighter. There, the economies of Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico and Venezuela had an average productivity level only 20 percent below that of the United States, and productivity in the newly privatized telecommunication industry of Colombia actually led that of the United States by a small margin though the authors noted that from a lack of full-fledged com-

the report is that the blame for Latin America's lagging productivity lies not with the skills, education or even attitude of labor as much as it does with management and government.

"The common wisdom suggests that a lack of labor skills hinders productivity in the region," said Mr. Lopetegui. "But we found that not to be the Recent experience, he says,

has proven that when the incentives are right, productivity can mushroom. Argentina's two privatized telecommunications companies offer the most striking example. In the last four years they have pared employment by 40 percent while increasing the number of phone lines by 60 percent. In the process, productivity in the sector improved from 32 percent of U.S. levels in 1989 to 66 percent

Similarly, a combination of privatizations and prying open markets to foreign producers has seen steel production in the five nations rise by 10 percent while the industry shed nearly a

Even more revealing, the report contrasts the recent perfor-mance of the state-owned phone giant Telebras in Brazil with that of a private Brazilian phone company, CTBC. The former had productivity at 59 percent of U.S. levels, while the fatter actually beat the North Americans, with productivity at 103 percent of U.S. levels.

The report noted that in three the U.S. industry itself suffered industries "the way managers organize their labor force largely explains the lower levels of

fragmented and small-scale food industry.)

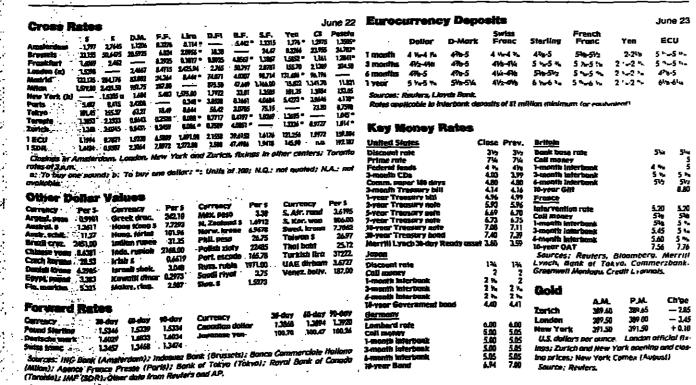
More specifically, the report's authors repeatedly faulted the region's excessively "hi-erarchical" organizational structures, many of which have more than a dozen management layers. These, the authors said, have created an internal need for complex bureaucratic procedures, riddled with redundant and unnecessary tasks."

Nowhere, said the authors, is that more the case than in the efficiency.

One of the most encouraging productivity in Latin America." region's largely state-owned reand surprising conclusions of (The exception was the highly tail banking industry. Overall, tail banking industry. Overall, the banking industry in the five largest Latin American nations operates at productivity less than 30 percent the U.S. level. The authors, for example, found that employees of Bra-zil's state-owned banks — who on average are only half as productive as their private-sector brethren - nonetheless are paid three times as much.

In the absence of competition, Mr. Lopetegui said, company managers have little rea-son to concern themselves with

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MARKET DIARY

Earnings Outlook Weighs on Stocks

NEW YORK - The stock market declined Thursday amid concern that higher interest rates would hurt corporate earnings and lingering worries about the weak dollar.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 25.68 points, to 3,699.09, its first close below

U.S. Stocks

3,700 since May 16. Losing issues outpaced gaining ones by a 2-to-1 ratio on the New York Stock Exchange.

The price of the benchmark U.S. 30-year Treasury bond slipped 2/32 to 86 10/32 taking the yield up to 7.40 percent from 7.39 percent Wednesday.

Financial markets continue to be buffeted by sentiment that the weak dollar would prompt the Federal Reserve Board to raise rates after its policy-making Federal Open Markets Committee meets on July 5 and 6.

Higher interest rates discourage stock investors because they could slow the economy, hinder corporate profit growth, raise corporate borrowing costs and make stocks less attractive than some fixed-income investments. Many analysts are already

lowering their earnings expectations for several companies. "There's nervousness about the likely level of economic activity in the second half of the year," said Christie McClellan,

son, Stephens & Co, "It's the

turn into sellers in a moment." Automobile and computer shares led the stock market's fourth slump in the past five

Auto stocks were hit by concern that June sales would weaken from May, partly in response to this spring's rise in interest rates. "Whenever the market gets an interest-rate cold, the auto group catches pneumonia," said David Healy. an analyst at S.G. Warburg.
General Motors fell 1% to 50%, Ford lost 1 to 57%, and

Chrysler dropped % to 47%. Technology companies fell amid doubts about the industry's earnings prospects after Lotus Development released a bearish earnings forecast this week. Lotus fell 2 11/16 to 33% on Thursday.

Cisco Systems was the most actively traded over-thecounter stock, falling 2½ to 21. A SoundView Financial Group analyst downgraded the maker of computer networking products to a hold from a buy and said Cisco faced increased competition that could hurt its profit margin.

Computer disk drive makers fell after an analyst at Montgomery Securities chopped his carnings estimates for three leading companies. Seagate Technology lost 11/4 to 19, Quantum Corp. fell 11/8 to 113/4. and Conner Peripherals shed * managing director of Robert-

RATES: Bundesbank Holds Firm

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appointment when no rate cut

But, as expected, the Bundes-

bank gave strong verbal aid to

markets by stressing that cur-

rent inflation fears were un-

Speaking just two weeks be-

views that inflation in America

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was delivered.

ment to either the Lombard rate or the repo rate to aid a weak dollar and give a boost to nervous German bonds and shares. German share and bond markets, recovering gradually from

sharp falls at the start of the "I have noted Lloyd Bent-Foreign Exchange week, registered only mild dis-

> interested in a currency rate stability, which is based on fun-

founded and that a weak dollar closed mixed against major curwas not in Germany's interests. rencies.

It fell to 1.6040 Deutsche fore a summit meeting of marks from 1.6054 DM Group of Seven officials in Na- Wednesday but rose to 101.35 ples, Mr. Tietmeyer made clear yen from 101.00 yen. The dollar that Germany also backed U.S. also ended at 1.3505 Swiss francs, flat from Wednesday, but slipped to 5.4830 French

day that he was concerned about the level of the dollar, which has fallen to around 1.60 Deutsche marks from 1.64 DM late last week, and said Group of Seven officials were watching developments carefully.

sen's comments." Mr. Tietmeyer said. "Of course the Bundesbank is not interested in a weak dollar."

damentals," he said.

U.S. Treasury Secretary francs from 5.4853. The pound Lloyd Bentsen said on Wednes- rose to \$1.5385 from \$1.5320.

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Market Sales

In New York, the dollar knowledge the problems but say their program for trans-European networks is helping to cut delays. "That is one of the reasons why we have initiated the exercise, to try to inspire the member states to overcome the difficulties," said Lars Mitek, an aide to the economics commissioner. Henning Christophersen, who is steering the net-

mined the commission's goal of launching a big new borrowing program to mobilize support for the networks and fill a funding shortfall estimated at 5 billion European currency units (\$6 billion) out of 32 billion Ecus to be spent in the next five

Despite continued appeals from the commission president. Jacques Delors, EU finance

there was no shortfall, given the slow phasing-in of construction and prospects for raising private capital.

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"The difficulty is not getting the financing," said Italy's fi-nance minister, Lamberto Dini. "The difficulty is getting the planning and the authorization from local authorities."

But the delays have under-ministers firmly rejected bor-federal minister with overall re-nined the commission's goal of rowings this month. They said sponsibility for the rail project. sponsibility for the rail project, will meet with Flemish and Walloon authorities July 1 to try to broker a solution to the regional conflicts holding up construction of high-speed

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Pierre Forton, the director general for ground transport under Mr. di Rupo, predicted an agreement would be reached In Belgium, Elio di Rupo, the within a few weeks.

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Maker of Peanut Butter to Cut Jobs ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS, New Jersey (AP) - CPC Internal onal line the order of

tional Inc., the maker of Skippy peanut butter, said Thursday it would close plants around the world and cut 2,600 jobs, or about percent of its work force, in a major restructuring.

The company said the restructuring would reduce second quarter profit by \$227 million, or 92 cents a share. CPC, one of the largest makers of processed foods in the United States, carned \$116 million, or 76 cents a share, in last year's second quarter.

All of the plant closings will be in CPC's consumer foods

All of the plant closings will be in CPC's consumer foods business, but no decisions have been made on which facilities will be shut down said. be shut down, said a company spokesman.

Delta and Aeromexico Form Link

ATLANTA - Delta Air Lines Inc. said Thursday that it and ATLANTA — Delta Air Lines Inc. said Thursday that it and Aeromexico had proposed a partnership for code-sharing and bloc-space arrangements, subject to government approval. Delta said that beginning Sept. 12 it would purchase seats on Aeromexico flights between Dallas-Fort Worth and Mexico City. while Aeromexico would purchase seats on Delta flights between Atlanta and Monterney a new Delta toute.

Atlanta and Monterrey, a new Delta route.

On Sept. 25 Aerometico will begin new service between Atlanta and Mexico City, and the two carriers will begin purchasing seals on each others' flights in this market.

Durable-Goods Orders Rise 0.9%

WASHINGTON (AP) — Factory orders for big-ticket items surged 0.9 percent in May, with a big jump in aircraft and defense goods leading the way.

The May increase, after a scant 0.1 percent rise in April, was reported Thursday by the Commerce Department. Most analysts had expected orders to increase far less.

Some economists said the advance, the ninth in the last 10 months for durable goods, signaled that the economy may not be slowing as much as earlier statistics indicated. Others, pointing to the volatility of military and aircraft orders, said the rise was in line with moderate growth.

Official Denies Enhancing Nicotine

WASHINGTON (Bloomberg) — Thomas Sandefur, chairman and chief executive of Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp., said Thursday that his company did not manipulate nicotine levels in

its cigarettes to keep smokers addicted. Tobacco companies have substantially reduced the amount of nicotine in cigarettes in the last 40 years, Mr. Sandefur told a

House of Representatives subcommittee. David Kessler, the head of the Food and Drug Administration. accused Brown & Williamson on Tuesday of manipulating nico-

Nintendo to Escalate the Video War

CHICAGO (Bloomberg) — Nintendo of America Inc., moving to counter a threat from Sega of America Inc. in the video-game industry, said Thursday that Acclaim Entertainment Inc. would introduce Nintendo's first 64-bit video game in the fall of 1995.

Nintendo said in 64-bit 186-64 Nintendo said its 64-bit Ultra 64 system, now being developed with Silicon Graphics Inc., would retail for about \$250.

Acclaim's 64-bit game, "Turok, Dinosaur Hunter," will be the company's first product to use characters from Valiant Comics.

Chrysler Tops Automotive Cost Study

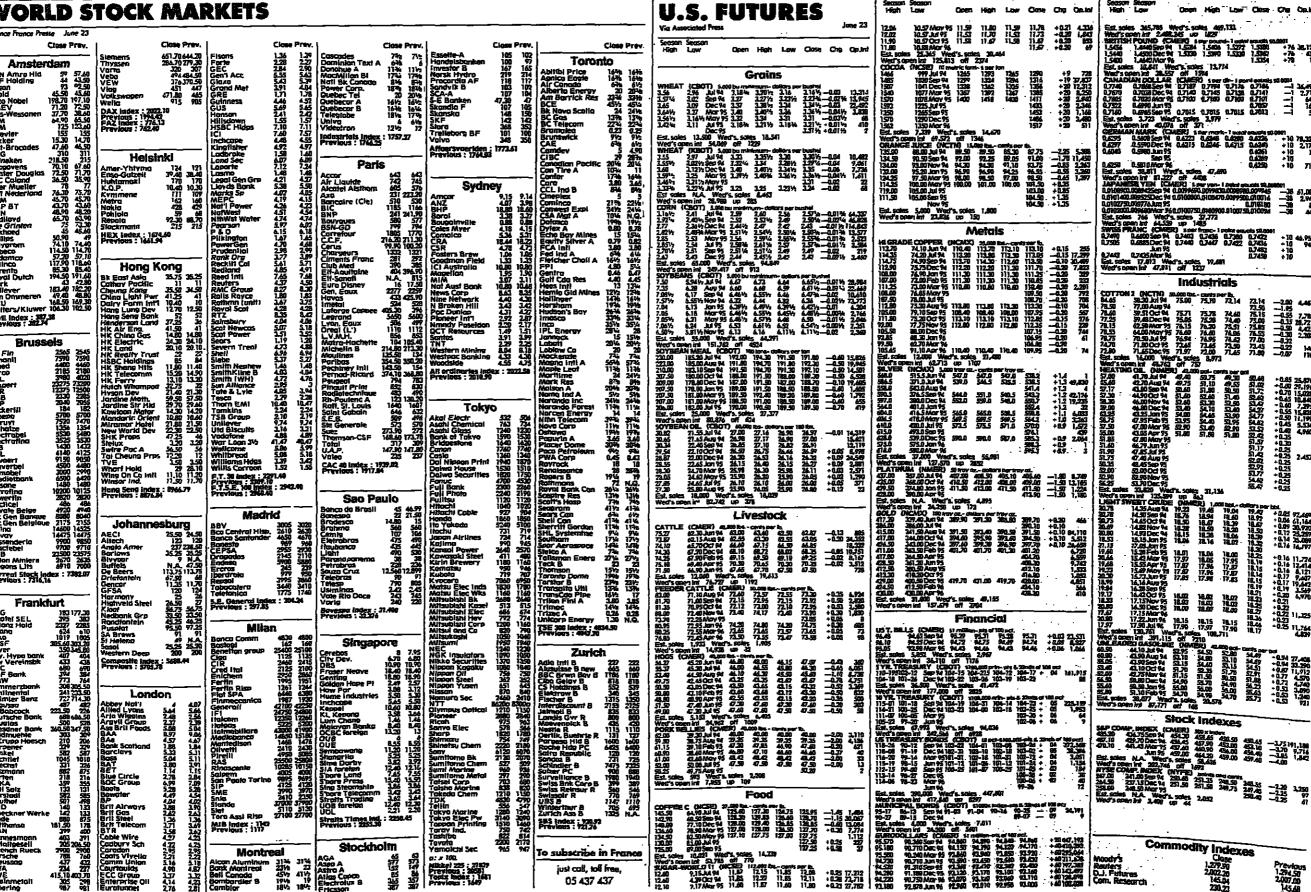
DETROIT (Bloomberg) — Chrysler Corp. has the lowest costs of any North American automaker, but the U.S. plants of Nissan Motor Corp. and Toyota Motor Corp. are still more productive than any run by Detroit automakers, a study issued Thursday said. General Motors Corp. showed the most improvement, both at cutting costs and increasing manufacturing efficiency in the two years since the last report by Harbour & Associates, a manufacturing consulting firm. Chrysler was also by far the most profitable of any North American automaker on a per-vehicle basis.

While Ford Motor Co. continued to be the most productive Detroit manufacturer, its product-development costs allowed Chrysler to become the lowest-cost producer.

For the Record

First Data Corp. raised the price of its offer for Western Union Financial Services Inc. to \$660 million. (Reuters) Morton International Inc. is splitting its stock 3-for-1 and raising its dividend 18 percent. (Bloomberg) Federal Express Corp. is changing its name to FedEx, which it says has become part of the English language. (Bloomberg)

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OECD Tells Dutch To Trim Benefits

By Carl Gewirtz

International Herald Tribine
PARIS -- In unusually frank terms, the Netherlands was admonished Thursday to live up to its reputation for frugality and reduce the generosity of its welfare state.

The second of th Both the tone and timing of the advice from the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development appeared aimed at putting the Parisbased research group in the role of a Dutch uncle, stiffening the backbone of the government elected last month to pursue more vigorously earlier reform efforts whose results have been only "modest."

> OECD officials acknowledged that the report had been published with unusual speed to influence the new government. The study was approved for publication June 13. Usually there is a two-month delay between approval and publication.

The OECD insists it is not urging the Netherlands to abandon its "cherished notions of equity, fairness and solidarity" but only to "better balance social equity and economic efficiency."

"However commendable on social grounds," the report said,

the current approach "may have become economically un-sustainable," with unemployment benefits now eating up nearly 10 percent of gross domestic product — a level
"markedly higher than in surrounding countries."

The Netherlands is given a

high score for its overall economic policy, which has kept the guilder strong and interest rates among the lowest in Europe.

The report sees an urgent need for a "wide-ranging reform of the labor market and welfare system." It cited an overall tax burden that is already one of the highest in Europe and a level of unemployment, broadly measured at 26 percent, which is also extremely high by international standards

The goal should be to reduce labor costs, redress the incentive balance between working and not working, and improve labor force skills and competencies," the report stated, and access to social security needs to be "restricted to those who can prove that they are entitled to a benefit."

The current disability plan "is unique" because of its low eligibility conditions and generous payouts, the report said.

Germans Turn Cautious

Stock Investors Braced for Turbulence

By Ferdinand Protzman

BONN - Prices on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange have been in retreat since higher U.S. interest rates created turmoil in global bond markets in mid-May. That turbulence has prompted most experts to shift to a defensive strategy. Few expect any recovery to

begin until the autumn.
Until then, they see a volatile market with interest rates remaining the driving force. Some analysts are cautiously recommending the banking, insurance, chemical and steel

"I'm not as pessimistic as some analysts," said Hans-Joachim Pilz, head of research at M.M. Warburg & Co., a private bank based in Hamburg. "I think we will see prices turning higher in the autumn. But the German stock market always reacts to the German bond market, which has been a bloodbath of late."

The glum mood contrasts with the optimism that reigned while stocks pushed higher in the first three months of the year. Recent statistics, such as the 2.1 percent year-on-year rise in gross domestic product in the first quarter, would seem to confirm that view. But investors, rather than being reassured, fear that growth could heat up inflation.

The other positive fundamentals have been overshadowed by developments in the bond markets, which touched off the downturn. A week after the U.S. Federal Reserve raised interest rates for the fourth time this year on May 17, stocks throughout Europe began

Frankfurt's 30-issue DAX index fell 7.2 percent in the next nine trading sessions. It finished at 2,022.10 on Thursday, well down from the 2,266.68 at which it began the year. A plethora of financial scandals involving some of Germany's most widely known banks

and companies have led to a capital outflow. "These scandals à la Schneider have undermined confidence in German stocks, particularly among foreign investors," said Albert Morillo, the head of European equities trading at Scottish Widows, one of the leading British pension fund companies. "It is the sort of thing one didn't think happened in Germa-

Dr. Jürgen Schneider AG was Germany's largest property developer until it filed for bankruptcy in April. Its namesake founder vanished, leaving debts of around \$3 billion.

The latest scandal arrived this month, when Balsam AG filed for bankruptcy after its board was arrested on suspicion of massive fraud. The company owes 50 German and foreign banks about \$900 million.

The prospect of further increases in American interest rates has also been pulling international capital out of the German stock market, with much of it moving toward dollar- or yen-denominated instruments. Investors moving funds into long bonds have added to the downward pressure.

Bank Chief In Portugal Resigns

LISBON - Miguel Beleza resigned Thursday as governor of the Bank of Portugal and will be replaced by Antonio de Sousa, the secretary of state for finance, a government spokesman said.

The central bank's policy of maintaining exchange rate sta-bility is crucial and will be unchanged despite the change of governor and other board members, Joao Costa Pinto, one of two new deputy governors at the bank, said.

Mr. de Sousa, 39, has already spent years in important posi-tions in successive center-right governments headed by Prime Minister Anibal Cavaco Silva.

Three other members of the central bank's board also resigned Thursday — Antonio Jose Bagao Felix and Antonio Palmeiro Ribeiro, who were vice governors, and Jose Veloso, who was a director.

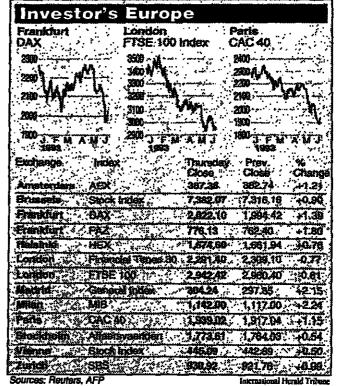
Bank of Portugal sources said there had been increasing conflicts between Mr. Beleza and other members of the bank's policy-making board in recent months as speculators attacked the escudo, forcing the bank to raise interest rates to defend the currency.

Dealers in financial markets here also said there appeared to be differences on exchange rate and interest rate policy between the Finance Ministry and the Bank of Portugal.

Dealers said the central bank stepped in to buy escudos after the management shake-up in an effort to stabilize the currency. The dollar finished at 165.78

escudo Thursday, down from 165.83 on Wednesday. "This intervention is one way

the central bank is responding to speculators," one dealer said. (Knight-Ridder, Reuters, AFP)



Very briefly:

 Nuclear Electric PLC, a power plant owned by the British government, plans to trim 2,000 jobs over the next three years as a cost-cutting measure.

• Klockner-Humboldt-Deutz AG predicted an 8 percent rise in 1994 sales from last year's 3.25 billion Deutsche marks (\$2 billion). Rising export demand for engines and agricultural machinery have already pushed sales up 9 percent this year.

• TSB Group PLC said a recovering British economy helped the bank slash its bad-debt provision in half, allowing it to post pretax profit of £226 million (\$346 million) in the six months to April 30, compared with £80 million in the year-earlier period.

• Thorn EMI PLC agreed to sell the defense operations of its Thorn EMI Electronics unit to Thomson-CSF of France. The sale covers about 40 percent of Thorn's defense operations. • E Merck has taken a 10 percent stake in Philips Electronics NV's

Flat Panel Display Co. unit, which produces liquid crystal dis-

• Hoogovens NV is joining a lawsuit against a European Commission plan to give fresh subsidies to the state-owned Italian steelmaker Ilva SpA.

AP. AFX, Bloomberg, Reuters

Newspaper War In U.K. Hits Share Prices

LONDON - Newspaper stocks plunged Thurs-day after The Daily Telegraph slashed its cover price by 30 percent, intensi-tying a price war declared by Rupert Murdoch, owner

of The Times. "It's a bombshell for the price structure of the national newspaper industry," an industry analyst, Derek Terrington, said. Telegraph shares sank 36 percent, and analysts cut their forecasts for its profit by around 25 percent.

The Independent fol-lowed The Telegraph with a one-day cut hours later. Analysis expect a permanent reduction in that newspaper's price too. Its shares are not listed, but stock in Mirror Group Newspapers PLC, which dropped nearly 13 percent.

The domino effect is expected to increase pressure on the ailing Daily Express Shares in its parent, United Newspapers, also fell 13 percent. Daily Mail & General Trust, owner of the Daily Mail, fell almost 10

Rothmans to Close 2 Factories as Profit Slumps

27 percent slump in pretax profit and said £31.2 million for the reorganization of the it would close factories in Berlin and The company in October, which saw the Hague to stay competitive in Europe.
Pretax profit fell to £343.6 million (\$526

Pretax profit fell to £343.6 million (\$526 million) in the year ended March 31 after also included a charge of £123.8 million for one-time charges, compared with £470.7 million a year earlier. But its annual operating profit rose 5

percent to £438.7 million, supported by a pickup in cigarette sales in fast-growing Asian markets despite a sharp decline in its European tobacco business.

Inquiry Clears

U.K. Music Firms

LONDON - After an inves-

tigation lasting more than a

year, Britain's anti-monopoly

commission cleared the music

industry Thursday of charges

that it had fixed prices of com-

trolled 70 percent of the market

and one big retailer also had a

monopoly, the industry was not

pendent companies.

Rothmans, whose brands include Dun-LONDON — The cigarette maker hill and Rothmans, said its earnings figures include a one-time pretax charge of company in October, which saw the group's luxury goods interests spun off cost-cutting and changes in its European

> Rothmans said total sales increased by 3 percent to £2.49 billion, reflecting currency exchange gains. Rothmans said it would pay a full-year

> > he said.

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creating the impression that

when money market mutual

funds say that investors run the

risk of losing money, they don't

"People are putting money into money market funds almost

as if they were insured deposits,"

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CONFUSION: Deposit Account or Mutual Fund?

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net dividend of 13.2 pence per share, compared with 11.5 pence a year earlier.

The worldwide volume of Rothmans' cigarette sales was 8 percent lower than last year, mainly because of lower sales in Europe, with France and Britain showing the largest declines, the company said.

As part of the reorganization of its European businesses, the company plans to close two of its plants in Germany and the Netherlands and transfer production to two British factories and to its second Dutch plant at Zevenaar. (Bloomberg,

Money funds take investors'

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Some funds invest only in government securities, which offer a little more safety, while others cumstances and they wouldn't ting into corporate notes, real estate loans and other riskier The success of money market mutual funds prompted federal

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BM: Gradually, Gerstner Engineers a Turnaround

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helped the stock price collapse from a high of \$139 in 1991. Operations have been cut back, the pricing of software has been revamped, and new product lines have been introduced.

decline in revenue from IBM's seems to be under control. But everyone, including Mr. Gerstner, agrees there is no chance of a turnaround in mainframe sales, still the company's biggest source of reve-

that big structural changes in help from a strong U.S. econothe way the company operates my it could rise to \$75. "My could lead to some disruption. feeling is that it will probably For example, IBM is reorganizing its sales force, moving to a lf the company maintains system centered on specific in-revenue at the same gross mardustries rather than one based gins, he reasoned, \$7 billion in Most important, the drastic on geographic regions. "A rational man would say that cer-

tain accounts will be lost." Mr. Stevens said. Still, there are those who hold the opposite opinion. Steve Milunovich, an analyst at Morgan Stanley, said he was not keen on IBM until this year, after the

company reported a 6 percent rise in first-quarter revenue, ad-

But he said he was worried buy the stock and said that with keep going for a while," he said.

expense cuts in the next three years would fall directly to the bottom line. Even if the market were to "get ugly," he said, IBM would still perform well relative to other computer stocks.

Yet Mr. Milunovich is not as sanguine about IBM's longterm prospects under Mr. Gerstner. The company is still lacking focus," he said. "It still justed for the sale of a subsid- has a one-stop shopping apry. proach, while in technology Now he is urging clients to usually the best product wins."

Thursday's Closing Tables include the nationwide prices up to the closing on Wall Street and do not reflect late trades elsewhere. Via The Associated Press

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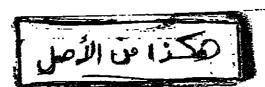
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Philippines' Easing On Investments Risks Some Jobs

MANILA — An executive order by President Fidel V. Ramos allowing more foreign involvement in Philippine industry is a major step toward luring investment, though it could cost jobs in protected industries, an-alysts said Thursday. Mr. Ramos on Wednesday

ended restrictions that limited foreign equity in many industries to 40 percent Investors now may raise their equity to 100 percent.

Industries affected by the

Timber Tycoon To Sell Shares

JAKARTA -- The Indonesian timber tycoon Prajogo Pangestu said Thurs-day he planned to sell some shares in Construction & Supplies House Bhd., the Malaysian building supplies company he agreed to take over this week, to raise

SI billion. "Certainly, some of the shares will be sold, but it will depend on the price, Mr. Prajogo said after meeting with President Su-harto of Indonesia and other government officials.
"At the moment, we have targeted to raise \$1 billion

this year. Under the takeover deal, Mr. Prajogo will inject some of his timber assets into Construction & Supplies in return for a controlling stake in the company.

cessing, tourism, most service sectors, appliance manufactur-ing and insurance.

The sectors from which foreign investors will be excluded are licensed professions such as medicine and accounting, the media, retailing, private securi-ty agencies, small-scale mining, cooperatives, marine resources and trading in rice and corn.
"It will be looked upon very,

very positively by investors seriously looking at the Philip-pines," said Raphael Manalaysay, research manager of Crosby Securities.

Noel Reyes, research chief of Dharmala Securities, said the order could increase unemployment, which reached 11 percent of the work force of 26 million in April. "There will be some Filipino companies that may close because they are already weak, so this order may hit our employment in the short term,"

he said. "It's about time we test whether local companies can stand on their own," Mr. Reyes

Mr. Manalaysay said struggling industries would have to take on foreign partners or merge with rivals to survive.

Raul Concepción, president of the Federation of Philippine Industries, said his organization would appeal the order. He said the government should extend its deadline so that local industries could seek protection from foreign competition.

The order takes effect Oct. 24. It follows a series of other measures that included liberalizing foreign exchange transactions, revising tax laws and opening the country to foreign

Oil Forges Gulf-Asia Business Ties

By Michael Richardson

International Herald Tribune
SINGAPORE — Asia's increasing dependence on the Middle East for oil is opening new opportunities for business links with Gulf suppliers, including management jor investments in new refinery capacity in Asia, oil company officials and ana

As Asia's demand for Gulf oil rises while its own reserves dwindle. Middle East oil companies are looking for investment projects in Asia, such as petro-chemicals, refining, product marketing and even gasoline stations.

National Iranian Oil Co. will send a delegation to Vietnam next month to study the feasibility of building that country's second refinery, with a capacity of about 100,000 barrels a day. Kuwait Petroleum Corp., which start-

ed a chain of gasoline stations in Thailand in 1989, recently completed a study of additional investment opportunities in major Asian countries, Khaled Rashid Haroon, a semior manager, said.

While he did not give details of specific projects, Mr. Khaled said that most

Asian countries were implementing policies of privatization, liberalization and deregulation in oil.

As a result, Asia is seeking joint ventures in refining and other areas with oilexporting states "where long-term supply of crude oil is secured in return for granting access to domestic markets for joint venture partners," he said.

Mr. Khaled was speaking at a recent oil conference in Singapore co-spon-sored by the International Herald Tri-bune and the Oil Daily Group.

In March, Saudi Aramco, the Saudi Arabian state oil company, bought a 40 percent holding in Petron Corp., the refining and marketing arm of Philippine National Oil Co., for just over \$500 mil-

Analysts said that under a mutually agreed crude oil supply contract, Petron would receive 90 percent of its requirements from Arameo, up from around 55 percent. Aramco also promised to make available at least \$300 million for expansion and upgrading of Petron's refining

capacity.
The deal with the country that has the

world's largest oil reserves "effectively gives Petron preferential access to crude in times of supply tightness," said Mon-ico V. Jacob, the corporation's chairman.

The partnership also gives Petron access to new refining technology and interna-tional information networks as well as capital for expansion, he added.
The Petron acquisition is Aramco's second in East Asia. It currently supplies as much as 200,000 barrels of oil a day to

a large refinery owned by the Ssangyong group in South Korea. Aramco has a 35 percent stake in the refinery. Aramco is also holding talks with Sinochem, one of the leading Chinese state oil firms, on a possible joint refinery in

China's Shandong Province.
East and South Asian countries de-

pended on the Gulf for nearly 49 percent of their oil supplies in 1992. Fereidun Fesharaki, director of the

program on resources at the East-West Center in Hawaii, said this proportion would rise to 62 percent by the end of the decade, when the region would need an additional 5.4 million barrels a day from the Middle East to meet its economies'

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Japan Raids Firm in Insider Investigation

TOKYO - The Securities and Exchange Surveillance

Commission on Thursday raided the Osaka headquarters of Nippon Shoji Kaisha Ltd., which is under investigation on charges of large-scale insider trading in its shares.

The raid represented a heightening of the investigation, the commission's first into insider trading since it was set up two years ago in the wake of a series of stock-market scandals. The commission, which con-

firmed it was carrying out the investigation after the drug company disclosed the inquiry over the weekend, raided more than 10 other locations across Japan in connection with the case officials said.

branch offices of the company, also are suspected of insider including those in Tokyo and trading. Nagoya, a spokesman said.

ees, including several top execu-instead had to withdraw it from tives, had sold shares in the 10.000 hospitals across the company in October 1993 shortly before the government issued a warning that several people had died after taking one of its products, Sorivudin, a drug for a skin condition.

The employees sold a total of 386,200 shares, and at least 23 of them have admitted having acted on the basis of nonpublic information.

Those locations included marketing the drug, has said Foreign Ministry said a few homes of employees and several that at least 10 of its employees hours after the opposition Lib-

Nippon Shoji, which had big expectations for the drug and a Nippon Shoji, Japan's expectations for the drug and a fourth-largest drug wholesaler, sales target of 1.5 billion yen said Sunday that 175 employ- (\$15 million) for the first year. instead had to withdraw it from (AFP, Bioomberg) COUNTRY.

> ■ Trade Talks Called Off Foreign Minister Koji Ka-

kizawa canceled talks scheduled for the weekend with U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor as a new political crisis threatened the government, Agence France-Presse reported.

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eral Democratic Party lodged a no-confidence motion against Prime Minister Tsutomu Hata.

Mr. Kakizawa gained the cabinet's authorization Tuesday to travel to the United States to seek a breakthrough in bilateral trade talks, though he said at the time that a final decision about the trip would depend on political developments in Japan.

The United States, meandropped its demand that Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp. be included in negotiations on Japanese government "The meeting has been can-purchases of telecommunica-

Very briefly:

 Japan's largest nationwide supermarket chain operator. Daiei Inc., plans to set up a joint venture to operate 4,800 retail outlets across China

• Vietnam is to increase taxes by 10 percent this year to try to close its widening budget deficit, a Finance Ministry official was quoted as saying Thursday.

• The average Japanese family spent 0.8 percent less money in April, the third straight monthly decline, because of lower prices for imported rice, according to a survey.

• Toshiba Corp. said it and IBM Japan Ltd. were considering building a second joint thin-film transistor liquid crystal display factory to meet rising demand.

• Creative Technology Ltd. of Singapore and AST Research Inc. of the United States said they had made a development and marketing agreement for multimedia products.

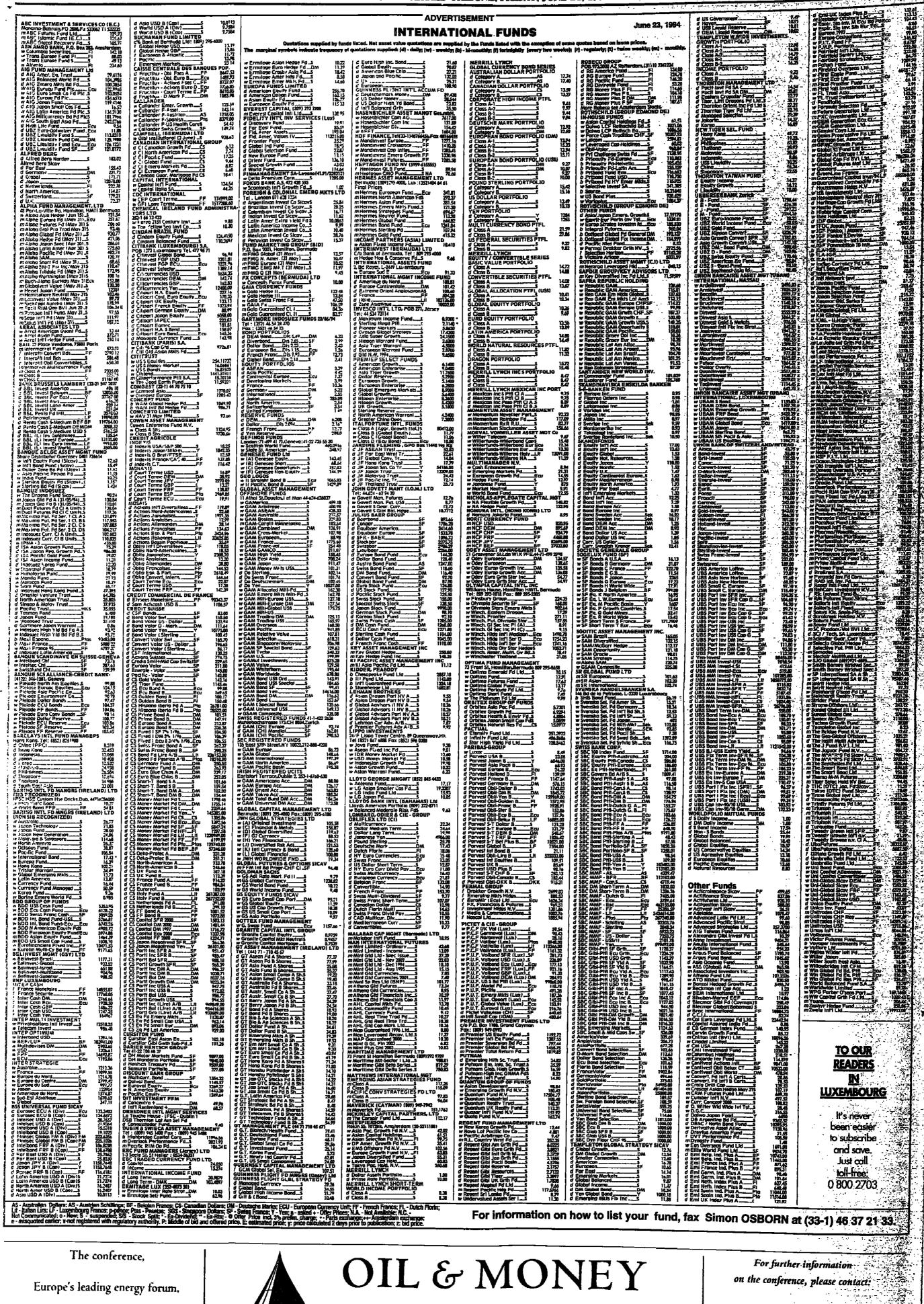
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Vote of Confidence: Those Who Want In

the European Union has received major votes of support from countries outside the Union. One after the other, Europe's non-EU governments and their citizens, separately or together, are expressing an unprecedented willingness to join the EU.

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One of these votes made the front pages. In a whopping two-to-one majority. Austrians voted in favor of joining the Union. Munich's Súddeutsche Zeitung called the vote "both the expression of and catalyst for a groundswell of pro-EU senti-

Other "votes," although equally significant, received less attention in the world media. At a mini-summit, the Visegrad Four - the Czech and Slovak Republics, Hungary and Poland - repeated their demand for fast-track admission to the EU. The countries had new, compelling arguments to advance for their bids; their strongly expanding economies and exports and growing ties to the EU.

These successes underpin the region's new confidence in its dealings with the EU. "When we join the EU, we will do so as a country capable of making a positive contribution to the Union's further development and not as one further burdening its finances," says Vladimir Dlouhy, the Czech Republic's minister of industry and trade.

While the Central and East Europeans were voicing a change in attitude, iceland's Social Democrats were manifesting a surprising change of heart. At their convention, the party leader and foreign minister, Jon Baldvin Hannibalsson, stated that icaland would "probably apply for admission to the EU by the end of the year. To overcome diehard local resistance, Mr.

In the last few weeks, Hannibalsson is reportedly counting on the "me-too eftect." Iceland's Nordic neighbors Sweden, Norway and Finland have recently reached agreement with the EU on admission, and their referendums on ratification are set for autumn. Recently, key political parties in all three countries swung behind the campaign for a Yes

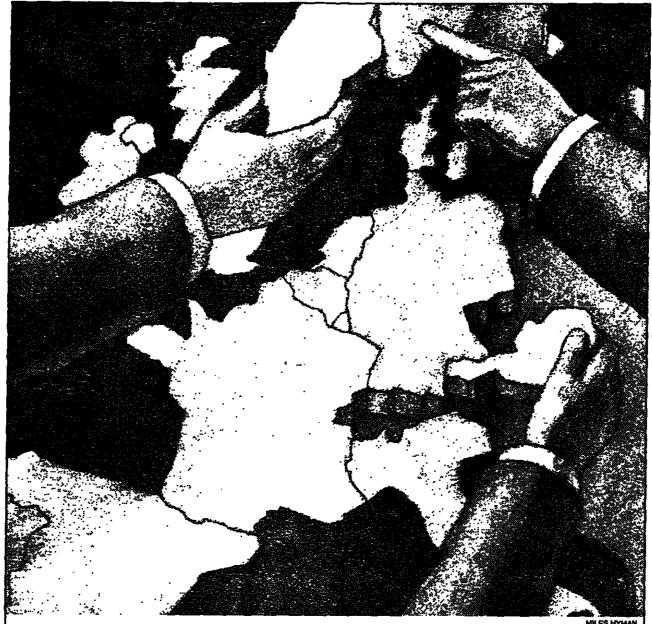
> Relegated to a page filler was the Swiss government's decision to mount yet another full-scale campaign to overcome popular resistance to membership in the EU. This move came on the heels of an announcement by Liechtenstein that it was "uncoupling" its EU membership aspirations from those of Switzerland, its as-

> Not making the papers at all was the European Commission's positive evaluation of the membership bids of Cyprus and Malta.

Each of these groups of applicants - the Northern and Central European "haves," the Central and East European "quick risers" and the Mediterranean-belt "tourist paradises" - has its own set of reasons for joining the EU, and each has its own method of going about it. But all of the 11 countries currently seeking membership - and the 15 others considering it - share a basic perception about the

"Non-member countries have a vantage point when it comes to making an obiective judament as to how well the EU is working," says Kurt Biedenkopf, prime minister of the German state of Saxony, "as they can view its workings in its entirety. I think their judgment is that the EU is a highly functional, integrated market."

For many of the applicant countries, the crucial difference membership would bring is a voice in the



Much has been written about the growing pains of the European Union and its single market. But what hasn't gotten as much attention is where the EU is working. The removal of customs barriers, standardization of products and practices, free competition in formerly closed sectors, the lifting of tariffs and exchange controls -

all these have transformed the way the EU does business. EU's deliberations. Other recently stated. Undeterred [

Institutions / Creating a True Union

Parliament Seeks A Delicate Balance

Parliament has always seemed like a large and lush political backwater. Now, however, the stereotype is changing. The European Parliament could soon mean more than legislative powers largely limited to reviews, amendments and vetoes. The members of the new European Parliament, which convenes in Strasbourg on July 19, are, as never before, in a position to bring about this transformation.

The results of European parliamentary voting this month again proved, to paraphrase the late U.S. House Speaker Tip C'Neill, that all politics is national. The results, as in the previous three European parliamentary elections dating back to 1979, were difficult to characterize on a pan-European basis.

In most countries, the results were explained as a reaction to the existing national government rather than a mandate for European Union policies. The results were interpreted as good for the right and bad for the left, yet Britain's Labor Party is going to be the largest national bloc and, overall, Socialists gained at least a dozen seats and will have more than 200, the most of any stripe on the political spectrum, in the 567-mem-

ber European Parliament. Much of the uncertainty about the European Parliament can be blamed

For many, the European on its inherent structural problems. It has never been a true legislative body in the sense of most of the world's democratic parliaments; its primary legislative power comes from amendments and vetoes, rather than initi-

ating new law. The national governments of the EU's member countries have been chiefly interested in their own priorities and in trying to use European issues to keep themselves in office. Naturally, they have been reluctant to share power with the EU, since that would weaken their own governments and undermine their national sover-

This has not been lost on the voters. Until the European Union becomes more important in their lives and the European Parliament assumes more power in determining EU policy, the declining turnouts in European parliamentary elections down to 56.6 percent this month - will probably continue.

Some skeptics believe the European Parliament cannot gain credibility with the public as a democratic institution until it is able to initiate legislation and until its members are elected on a EU-wide basis instead of country by country; on this point, the 12 member countries cannot yet coordinate their voting rules or even the day on which the balloting is

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Communications / The New Countdown Telecoms Anticipate 1998 Deadline

This time, it is 1998 and telecommunications that are mobilizing the EU's forces and reshaping its markets. Nineteen-ninety-two has come - and stayed. Nineteen-ninety-eight is at hand, and the similarities with its predecessor are striking.

Like 1992, 1998 is about the creation of a single market through the elimination of such obstacles to free competition as restrictions and monopolies. In the case of 1998, this open market will be in telecommunications services. As was the case with 1992, impressive figures on this market's size, needs and potential are being cited. A study commissioned by Bayerische Landesbank Girozentrale, the Bavarian bank, recently reported that the international telecommunications sector's annual turnover is set to double to \$1 trillion by the end of the decade.

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This rise, states the report, would make telecommunications "the world economy's pre-eminent sector - a sector in which the EU holds a 25 percent share. According to the Trans European Network (TEN), a working group chaired by EU Vice President Henning Christophersen, the upgrading of the EU's telecommunications infrastructure will cost 140 billion Ecus (\$165 billion) over the next five years, generating vast quantities of further business for EU companies.

As was the case for 1992, these heady figures are being accompanied by even headier visions. Telecommunications are inducing "a new Industrial revolution in Europe," in the words of the Bangemann group, named after its chairman, EU Commissioner Martin Bangemann. According to the group, the fruits of this revolution will be a "networked" union. The EU's greater productivity and efficiency will be achieved by companies enjoying immediate and equal access to the information required to operate

at high rates of efficiency. Indeed, if EU heads of state endorse the principle of competing networks at this week's summit, the European Commission could take immediate steps to liberalize telecommunications infrastructure

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have extensive association

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in the Union. In a scenario again reminiscent of 1992, all of the EU's telecommunication companies are racing to prepare for life in the post-1998 world, without really knowing what it will be like. Their pace has been so fast, in fact, that most major telecom producers and suppliers - with several notable exceptions - would like to see the date brought forward.

The exceptions include Deutsche Bundespost Telekom and France Telecom. Their reasons for opposing this move are simple. Nineteen-ninetyeight means the loss of their key monopoly on public standard (speech-related) telephone services, and they need time to get ready.

To do so, they are going private France Telecom in 1994, according to French official sources, and Deutsche Telekom in mid-1996. These privatizations involve the acquisition of new capital via stock-exchange flotations and the reworking of pension plans and work-force regulations. This will not be simple. In the German company's case, becoming a private-sector company will involve the passing or modification of some 300 laws.

In a further parallel to 1992, this pending date has already triggered new alliances, entries and approaches. France Telecom and Deutsche Telekom have announced the formation of a wide-ranging working arrangement. At its heart is the reformation of Eunetcom. This "old-new" subsidiary (it was originally founded in 1992, but foundered) is to provide corporate customers with worldwide communication systems management and

data communication services. To give this 1 billion Ecu partnership the requisite worldwide reach, the two companies have entered into an alliance with Sprint, the third-largest U.S. long distance telecommunications carrier. To cement their partnership, they are taking a 20 percent stake in Sprint, at a cost of 7 billion Deutsche marks (\$4.3 billion).

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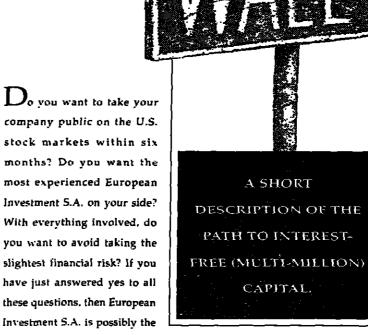
countries ranging from

Latvia to Israel.

In early June, the Gesellschaft für Datenfunk (GfD) received a license to launch data communication services. To that end, this German-French consortium is investing 500 million DM in its broadcast network. GfD has some powerful assets - the power masts and lines of RWE, the consortium's leader and Germany's largest provider of electricity. According to Der Spiegel, in preparation for the launching of GfD, RWE has already laid thousands of kilometers of high-capacity fiber-optic This would constitute Germany's second national telecommunications grid should GfD, as widely expected, enter into the standard speech-services sector.

GfD is only one of three such "electricity to telecoms' consortia in Germany. Other such consortia are being formed throughout the EU.

A major new technology, the "telecommunications nexus," neatly incorporates the several hundred components of Europe's telecommunications sector. Each of the different services (speech, fax, data transmission, teleworking, teleconferencing, E-mail), carriers (standard, ISDN, upgraded ISDN, satellite-based, radio-based and their combinations) and each of the different categories of service and equipment providers and end-users and their positionings are plotted as a single point. This nexus is reportedly in regular use among the groups working to establish the EU's post-1998 telecommunications market.



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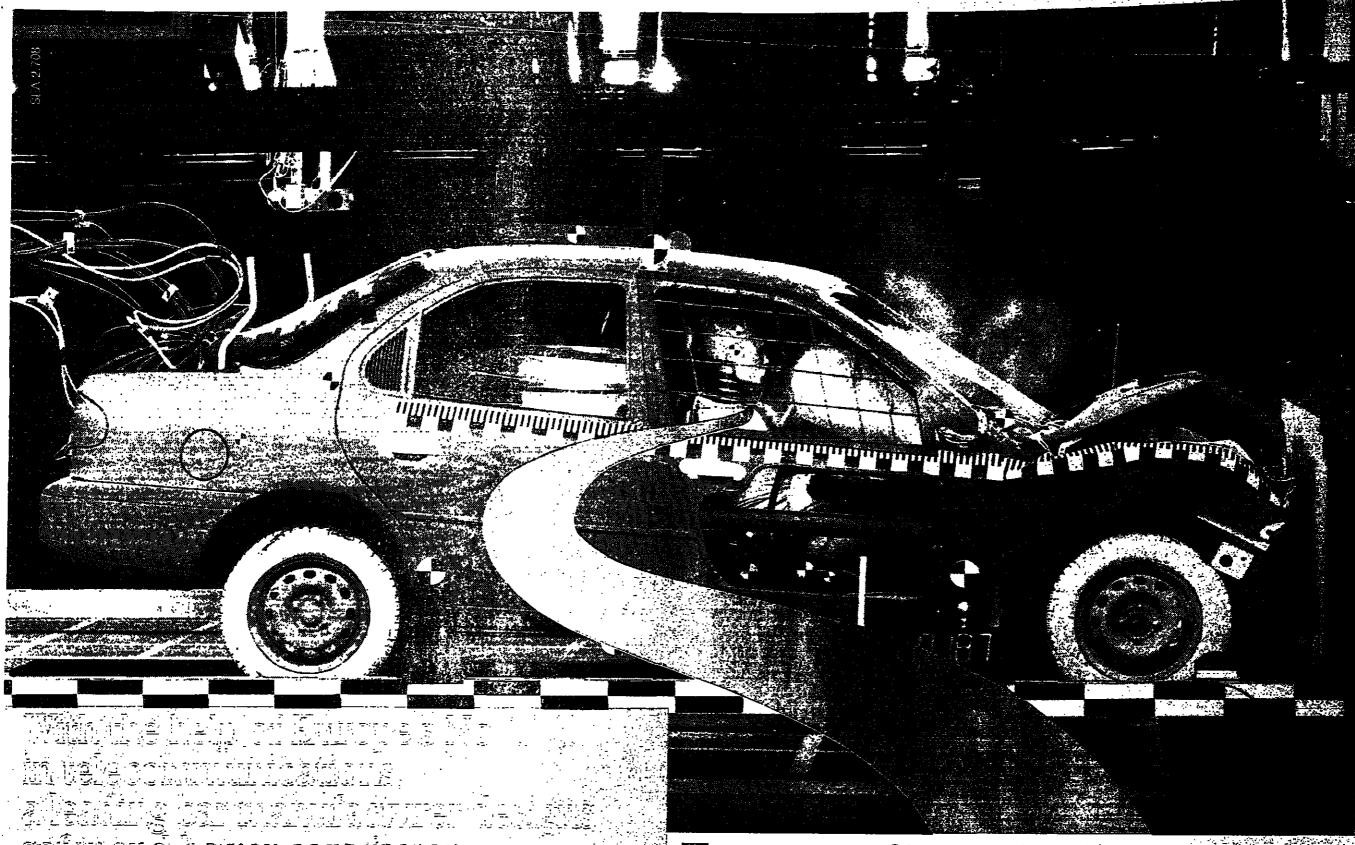
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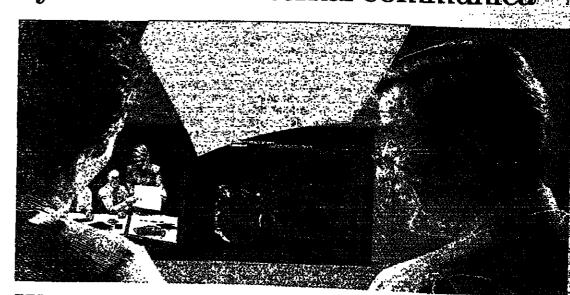
mation logistics. That's why more and more of these companies are taking advantage of Telekom information management systems. One particularly good illustration of this is the Telekom contribution to the WAN (Wide Area Network) project at Ford Motor Co. This worldwide data network, which links all Ford national and international operations, was set up and running in the shortest possible time. Its objective: to create a cost-efficient communications system. One feature is its ability to transmit the results and data of computer-simulated crash tests to and from the company's research and development centres based in Cologne (Germany), Dunton (England), and Ford's supercomputer in Detroit (USA). Compared to real-life testing, this dramatically cuts down the time it takes to acquire vital design information. To successfully complete this project, Telekom undertook all negotiations with the various international telecommunications authorities, created a special project team to investigate all project-related requirements and coordinated all the transmission channels to suit the customer's demands.

WAN is now an effective and competitive business tool in Ford operations. It has not only cut communications costs but has also significantly streamlined internal communica-

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Airlines Begin to Move Out From Governmental Shelter

The tragicomic scene at Orly Airport to stay. The problem is the lack of a truly liboutside Paris in mid-Junc could have been straight out of an old Peter Sellers movie. French demonstrators, banner wavers and even regional folklore groups sought to hinder the start of British Airways flights from Orty to London, a concession granted under Europe's air liberalization laws.

The demonstrators were partly successful in delaying some flights, but the outcome seemed to confirm that the European Union's highly complicated airline deregulation was under way. British Airways, of course, has led a "crusade" against government control through its successful privatization, its establishment of an airline in Germany and its entry into the French market through the purchase of major regional French carrier TAT.

As last year's landing-strip riots at Paris's Charles de Gaulle airport showed, however, unions backed by national pride in posssing a flag-carrying airline are not giving in easily to ideas of market freedom.

Major carriers such as Lufthansa, Air France and Iberia are headed for privatization, but their workers are not prepared for the shock of what happened at British Airways when it went from state to private ownership. Some 20,000 jobs were shed, routes were reduced and assets sold. Now profits have returned, productivity has increased and jobs have come back.

Two men, above all, are fighting the state funding of European airlines. One is Geoffrey Lipman, president of the Brusselsbased World Travel and Tourism Council, the industry's most powerful lobby. He commented after the Orly events: "If liberalization of trade were to be held hostage to protectionist demonstrators, as happened at Only, we would still be in the steam age. The past three years have demonstrated more than ever during hard times that U.S. deregulation and European liberalization are here

eral, competitive environment that allows airlines to operate like other businesses.

The big subsidized carriers are demanding one last swig from the state bottle. Against them stands the other crusader for open skies, Sir Michael Bishop. The head of British Midland, Britain's second-largest carrier, he is a longtime champion of cheaper fares - witness his Diamond-class businessclass fares between Britain and Europe, a virtual two-for-one deal.

Sir Michael does not mince words, "Ninety percent of European Union air routes continue to be operated through state-owned airline monopolies or duopolies," he says. *Only 26 routes are served by more than three carriers. Of the 15 busiest cross-border routes in Europe, 10 continue to be served by the two national airlines of the countries concerned. You can count on the fingers of one hand the major air routes in the European Union where fares have fallen in the past 40 years."

Lower fares are coming - slowly. British Airways and British Midland have shown the way. Privatization seems the answer once British Airways-style shocks have been accepted by Europe's unions.

By 1997, European airlines will have complete freedom in choosing which routes they wish to serve, which countries they wish to operate between and, within certain limits, the fares to be charged.

For the moment, complex issues of national pride and jobs are hindering deregulation, as the Orly incident showed. However, as Sir Michael states: "Over the past few years, in the face of intense opposition from some quarters, the European Commission has moved bravely and decisively to open up the airline market to competition with its famous 'Third Package' of measures." Eventually, we may see the Italians operating between Aberdeen and

Services / The True Transnationals



The figures indicate that in one key area, the single aspirations have not yet been realized. The service sector accounts for 64.6 percent of the European Union's gross domestic product, 60.3 percent of its jobs - and only 18.4 percent of Intra-Union ex-

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Nonetheless, the post-1992 EU features a rapidly expanding, relatively free market in transnational services. This market was created by EU legislation and fanned by EU-incited demand. It is also spawning a number of spin-offs in the fields of education and research services.

For understandable reasons, the EU's market for services is undercounted. These services take the form of vast numbers of legal documents, blueprints, statistical analyses, learned opinions and environmental audits. Much of this information is provided via comput- tisements placed by noner, fax and telephone lines.

customs stations at their European market's basic border crossings, it is not possible to monitor these transnational services by standard methods. Not counted, for instance, are the reported 10,000 people making Scotland one of Europe's teleworking centers, or Dublin's corps of offshore investment salespeople. Also not included are Rostock's CAD/CAM experts, who send their component designs via multimedia connections to shipyards throughout Europe, and Baden-Württernberg's long-

> sands of kilometers away. To tabulate this growth, service industry experts are resorting to such esoteric indicators as the number of "non-local-language offshore policies" written by the EU's insurers, or that of personnel recruitment adverlocal agencies.

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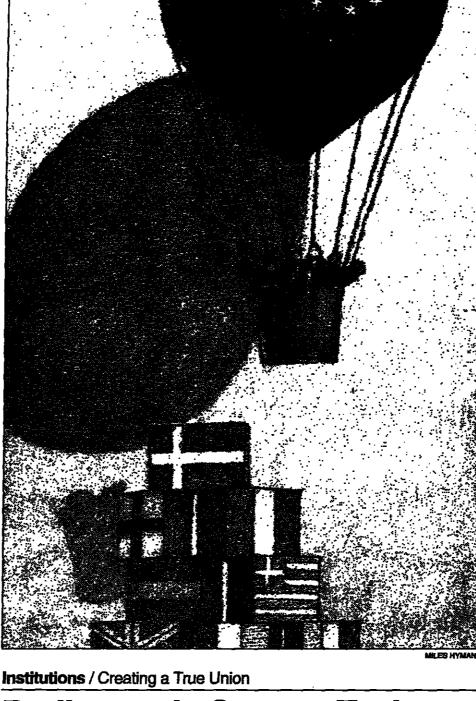
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Another closely watched indicator is the proliferating number of multisource data banks. In various stages of development, they link national authorities, agencies and companies into EUwide information networks. Feeding on these networks are so-called Euroexperts, whose expertise and forms of organization are pan-

European in scope. The EU was instrumental in the creation of these networks, often providing funding. EU institutions also cleared the way for their use by the Euroexperts.

Also partially funded by the EU is the European Institute's European Economics program. Now in its fourth year and held at the campus of the University of Saarbrücken, the program has been designed as a breeding ground for a new generation of Euroexperts. Graduates eam the Master of Business Administration Europe and Master of Economics Europe degrees.



Parliament's Current Task: **Maintaining Delicate Balance**

Continued from page 17

held. On other hand, there are several key tests looming for the European Parliament - opportunities to enhance its real power as well as its public image. First, the heads of the 12 governments are about to pick a successor to European Commission President Jacques Delors. The European Parliament has veto power over the choice, which it is unlikely to use for fear of further straining the already fragile EU structure.

It is equally unlikely, however, that the 12 heads of government will pick a president obviously unacceptable to a majority - or even a significant minority - of Euro MPs. This means that the prospective candidates are being careful to forge political alliances with Euro MPs. Euro MPs, meanwhile, are more likely to support a candidate who thinks the European Parliament should have more power in the near future.

In addition, the European Parliament will hold confirmation hearings on appointees to the European Commission, the EU's chief policymaking arm. A country or a prospective commissioner not promising to support expanded Europarliamentary powers could end up being embarrassed.

if the European Commission or the member nations do not bow to the Parliament's demands for more legislative authority, then Euro MPs could also scuttle expansion

A long-range test will be the 1996 intergovernmental review of the Maastricht treaty. This constitutional review, mandated by the treaty itself, could be a major step in raising the Parliament to equal status with the European Commission. That is what the last Parliament demanded, but the proposal has opposition, notably from Britain and France.

What role the European Parliament plays in that review - a key step in determining the future of European political and economic union - will in large part decide what role Euro MPs play in the European Union of the 21st century.

One thing, though, is certain. The new Euro MPs and the new EU president, whoever it is, cannot stand by and wait for the member governments to hand over power. It is up to them, individually and as an institution, to generate enthusiasm among the general population, gain support from national governments and gather power at the European level. **Timothy Harper**

Travel Industry / Hardy Perennial

Tourism Sector Is Back in Bloom

Boom times look to be back again for tourism in the European Union. People are spending and traveling again. Traffic in the first quarter of this year rose 9 percent as discounted air tickets, hotel reductions and attractive packages helped push the industry toward recovery. Classical holiday destina-

tions in the Mediterranean such as Spain, France, Italy and Greece are benefiting from the drop in tourism in other countries in the region, notably the former Yugoslavia, Turkey and Egypt. This redistribution of travelers is helping EU destinations from Britain to Greece.

The latter is set to go above the 10 million mark for visitors this year. (Local advice: avoid island-hopping in July and August, when the boats are expected to be crammed in this record sum-

Europe, which had 296.5 million arrivals last year (up 2 percent from 1992) and tourist receipts of \$16.6 biltion (up 5.7 percent), is the world's largest tourist destination after the United States. Airline sales are up, according to both the International Air Transport Association and the Association of European Airlines.

Tourism, already Europe's largest industry, is a major source of jobs. The importance of this has not escaped the European Union, which is increasingly allocating money from its considerable regional budget for tourist projects, be they roads on Greek islands or entertainment parks in Ireland. European Union aid for tourist projects within the 12 countries has recently risen to 2.3 billion Ecus (\$2.7 billion), with the European Investment Bank adding another billion Ecus.

France expects its impressive total of 60 million visitors in 1993 to be repeated, giving the country a massive tourism surplus. Spain expects 56 million visitors following the devaluation of the peseta and new efforts to increase the pricequality ratio in hotels.

Italy, which has managed to hold down its hotel prices, expects a 10 percent jump in the number of tourists, rising to as high as 50 percent in Sicily.

Behind the impressive figures - IATA showed passenger totals climbing 12 percent in March - the industry is engaged in a new round of airline mergers or

links, such as the one between Alitalia and Continental, the latter being the pacesetter in cross-Atlantic cost-cutting. Major

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agreements like the one between France's Wagons-Lits Travel and the U.S.-based Carlson offer both the business and holiday traveler cheap fare-scanning sys-The venerable tems. Thomas Cook agency, now German-owned, is doing the same, and is probably best placed for plane and train reservations across Europe. Its new European train guide is a modern version of

that of Grand Tour days. A range of bargains is available for this season's traveler, be it at a three-star hotel or at Britain's prestigious Savoy group, which is offering a double at Claridge's for £160 (\$240) a night and a £35 meal. A twocourse meal for £8 a head at London's Simpson's-in-the-Strand must be one of the season's best bargains.

Hoteliers are saying the recession is over and are doing their best to encourage the upturn. While much has been said about lower occupancy at the top end of the market, this is contradicted by the fierce battles for control of major luxury groups that have come onto the market, such as the Italian Ciga chain, among the best in Europe, and the Meridien branch of Air France.

Even this category of hotels offers services that were unknown a few years ago. Rooms at the Conrad Hotel in London, for example, are bigger than many European apartments. Workstations are installed at most Hilton International hotels. The Lucien Barrière resort group in France at Deauville, La Baule and Cannes is offering rates of little more than \$100 a night with golf, tennis, nding and sailing thrown in. This may be Europe's

best deal. Double air-mile deals abound, as well as free overnight stays on several outbound destinations, like free rooms in Bologna and Turin on Alitalia out of London. The Scots have worked out similar deals with Air France in Paris.

The Channel Tunnel, when it becomes fully operational, will give a tremendous boost to European tourism, as will the growing hook-up between highspeed trains and airports.

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referendum on Austria's accession to the EU. St. Poiten, capital of the province of Lower Austria, was confidently flying the 12-starred blue-and-gold flag and seeing itself as a bridgehead to the neighboring countries of the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary. The potential op-portunities for St. Potten in this "New Europe" were outlined by Wolfgang Streitenberger, director of NOPLAN, the planning company for the city's administrative sector, due for completion in 1996. To my mind, there is no make European a region than Tower Austria. A human dimensioned city such as St. Potten, with its high standard of living, can, and should, enhance the opatities of urbanism and urbanism and urbanism that are disappearing banity that are disappearing from the large cities of Europe." With this in mind, a whole self-contained Culturat District is being built adjoining the governmental area, intended to show that in a Europe of the Regions a city like St. Polten can

compete effectively even

with a metropolis like

Vienna, 60 kilometers (37

miles) away. "It is impor-tant," says: Mr. Streiten-

Even before the June 12 berger, "that small communities remain optimistic when confronted with the EU colossus." David Hermges

 Since the introduction of the single market, European Union financial houses have been availing themselves of the freedom to expand into new markets. An unforeseen element has been the wave of finance houses recasting and repositioning themselves. A parallel development has been the change in the nature of privately held companies going public and international. "There is nothing new about companies based in Germany and other national European markets seeking capital abroad," says Uli Kaen at the Munich office of

S.A. "America's stocks and securities exchanges - plus, to a lesser extent, London and Luxembourg - have tra-ditionally been main sources

of venture capital for the Continent's young, high-tech companies. Today, however, in the wake of the financial markets' new internationalism, whole corporate sectors, including Germany's once-staid small and medium-sized businesses, have decided to profit from the greater openness and liquidity characteristic of New York and other leading international financial centers. Our group's role is to provide access to those centers." To do so, the Europäische Investitions

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group secures listings for its corporate customers on the NASDAQ and other exchanges. Working to improve the

welfare of the EU's equine population is the International League for the Protection of Horses, which has launched a cam-

transportation of horses for slaughter. According to the British-based charity, whose Continental subsidiary is tocated in Paris, a Europewide petition is being circulated protesting against the

paign to bring about changes in the European horses are currently shipped within the EU, and calling for regulations covering the revised standards to be applied to animals coming from outside its borders. The League hopes to place the petition before the European Parliament and Council of Ministers in July.

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Rockets Ride to First NBA Title, Burying Knicks' Hopes, 90-84

Olajuwon Adds an MVP With a 25-Point Showing

By Clifton Brown

HOUSTON — The Rockets took the city of Houston on its first championship ride. The New York Knicks quest for glory ended in anguish.

In winning their first National Basketball Association title. the Rockets defeated the Knicks, 90-84, in Game 7 of the championship series Wednesday night after losing in the finals to the Boston Celtics in both 1981 and 1986.

It was the crowning moment in the brilliant career of Hakeem Olajuwon, the Rockets' center, who had 25 points and 10 rebounds and was unanimously voted the most valuable player of the series. He became the first player to be named regular-season MVP, defensive player of the year and MVP of the final in the same season.

"If you write a book, you can't write it any better," said It was a crushing defeat for the Knicks, who hoped to win their first title since 1973. Instead, they became the 20th consecutive team to lose an

NBA Game 7 on the road, with

the Rockets having also won

Game 6 at the Summit.

Patrick Ewing, in his ninth season with the Knicks, had never been this close to an NBA title. Neither had his teammates. And it was a cruel finale for John Starks, the All-Star guard who had one of his worst performances in the biggest game of his life: 2 for 18 shooting, including 0 for 11 from 3point range, as he finished with

The Rockets' locker room was a scene of joy and celebration, with players dousing each other with champagne. In the Knicks' locker room the scene was quiet and dry - except for

"They played as nard as they could for as long as they could," said Pat Riley, who fell short of winning his first championship with the Knicks after winning four as coach of the Los Angeles Lakers.

"There isn't any solace in anything I could say to them right now. I don't think I've ever been more proud of a team in my life. I can't tell you how I feel about the guys on this team. They have been through the Rudy Tomjanovich. "It's alwars, been through so much."

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Riley, "You go with your players. You go up with them, you

A subdued Starks said: "I can't explain it."

But Houston's defense had something to do with it. Vernon Maxwell was all over Starks. refusing to give him room for shots. And when Starks did get past Maxwell and drove to the basket, Olajuwon was waiting. Maxwell played his best game of the series, scoring 21 points, including a 3-point jumper that virtually sealed the outcome.

was talking to Kenny long night for our team."

early in the third quarter and were never able to catch up. trailing by 4 to 7 points for most

The Rockets knew this victory belonged to them. The Knicks never gave up, but they never got closer than 4 points thereafter.

"I don't have words to explain or describe what it feels said Houston's coach,

no city has ever accomplished. was a nightmare.

"John almost single-handedly won it for us in Game 6," said go down with them."

don't know what it was. It was very discouraging. My shot kept coming up snort. When I went out before the game to shoot, I felt real good. My teammates were behind me. The shots I had were good looks. I

Smith before the game, and he told me that we'd have to hold John under 15 points for us to win the game. Maxwell said. "He said that if Starks got more than 15 points, it would be a

Instead, it was a long night for the Knicks. They fell behind

Charles Oakley made two free throws to make it 78-75 with 2 minutes, 51 seconds left, but Olajuwon answered with a tough hook shot over Ewing. Then Ewing, who finished with 17 points and 10 rebounds on 7 for 17 shooting, missed a jump shot from the left baseline. Then Maxwell struck. Get-

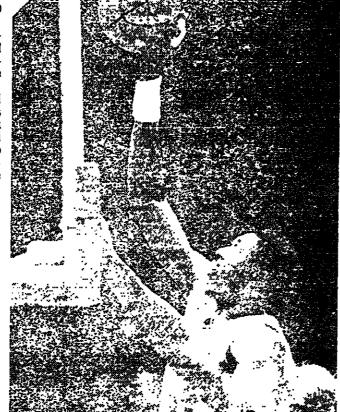
ting the ball from Olajuwon, who smartly passed out of a double-team, Maxwell sank a 3-pointer from 25 feet, giving the Rockets an 8-point lead with 1:48 left. The Knicks called a timeout. Maxwell fell to the floor and was mobbed by teammates racing on the court from the bench.

wars, been through so much.
Asked about Starks, Riley said he never considered taking him out in the fourth quarter, giving New York City both the hockey and basketball titles

The Knicks hoped to join the read to be breezing to heckey and basketball titles

The two-time Cy 1 oung to never appeared to be breezing to his 11th victory Wednesday in the eighth inning and lost a 5-Instead, for the Knicks, it 2 decision to the visiting New

> "I'm extremely disappoint-ed," Ewing said, "but I'm still proud of my teammates. It it." hurts, period, this is a game we could have won, but we didn't.



Hakeem Olajuwon, with Anthony Mason hanging on, scoring two of his points. He also pulled down 10 rebounds.

Griffey Beats Babe Ruth's 30 June HRs

By Bob Nightengale Los Angeles Times Service

ANAHEIM. California - It was the moment the California Angels' fans had been awaiting for three days, and as soon the ball left his bat, they sucked in their breath while witnessing the historic shot.

They reacted as if Ken Griffey Jr. was one of their own, celebrating his 31st home run of the season en route to the Seattle Mariners' 12-3 victory over the Angels on Wednesday night.

The 22,305 fans erupted into cheers the moment the ball soared into the Mariners' bullpen and were providing a standing ovation by the time Griffey crossed home plate.

They did not need any prompts by the scoreboard to tell them that Griffey had just made baseball history by hitting

more homers than anyone else by the end homers will take the of the future. And of June, eclipsing Babe Ruth's record of that will make the present of Ke 30 set in 1928 and 1930. It was Griffey's Griffey, who actually came out for first homer in four games, but his ninth. in the last 16 games.

Griffey, who predicted before patting practice that he would hit his 31st homer, did so with a drive that traveled 404 feet (123 meters), his 11th consecutive homer of more than 400 feet. He now is on pace to hit 71 homers, 10 more than Roger Maris's record of 61 set in 1961.

"My mom told me before the game, "If you do it, do it tonight,' because she was-watching on television in Cincinnati," Griffey said.
"I don't really concern myself with

history," he added. "It's not going to help me. I don't want to be thinking. He hit a homer this day, so I have to hit one.".
"I don't worry about the past. The

early batting practice. Wednesday be cause he wasn't pleased with his swing, inspected a five-ring onshaught that enabled the Marinest to overcome a 3-1 deficit. After lay Bullier's three nin homes in the sevents, the only remaining suspense was whether Griffe) would hit another. He instead himshed the might

enother. He instead finished the night with a double, a homey and three RRIS.

Perhaps the most amazing aspect of Griffey's homeson binge is that he has as many homers this season as the Mariners (31-39) do victories. If a not exactly a feat the Mariners are proud of, but they pulled within one games of the Taxas Rangers (32-38), who became the first term in baseball history to be included place while being six games below 300.

Yankees Romp in 7th to Beat Twins, 9-2

Said the New York Yankees' manager, Buck Showalter: "It seemed like the first team that

scored was going to win." Well, the Minnesota Twins scored the first run Wednesday night in New York, but the Yankees won, 9-2.

Scott Kamieniecki and Kevin Tapani both pitched shutouts for six innings, before the Twins scored in the seventh on Alex Cole's sacrifice fly.

The Yankees responded with seven runs in the bottom of the inning as 11 batters came up against three Twins pitchers. "We had a pretty good ball game going for 6½ innings,"

said the Twins' manager, Tom Kelly, whose club was swept in ond inning that led Milwaukee the three-game series.

ond inning that led Milwaukee to victory in Baltimore. Tapani had allowed only five

hits over the first six innings, but Bernie Williams started the bottom of the seventh with a long double off the left field wall and Randy Velarde walked before Mike Gallego's single scored Williams to tie the score. Left-hander Mark Guthrie then replaced Tapani. Guthrie walked Luis Polonia FRA

Leyritz and a two-run homer to Paul O'Neill, his 13th.

Williams then hit a two-out double to become the first Yan-

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kee this season to get two hits in the same inning before Willis finally retired the side.

Brewers 9, Orioles 2: Alex Diaz hit his first major league homer during an eight-run sec-

Cal Eldred pitched his second straight three-hitter. He struck out four and walked

The Brewers combined nine

hits and two walks off Ben Mc-Donald and Mark Williamson in taking a 9-0 lead. McDonald started the season 7-0, but since then has gone 3-5 with a 5.18

have lost five straight....

Brunansky singled home a same run in the first imning and dou. Indians 9: There is Sand bled home another run in the Alomar homewood for the shape

Paul Molitor drove in both runs for Toronto.

Royals 10, Athletics 1: Felix iose and Bob Hamelin homered as Kansas City won in Oakland Jose and Wally Joyner, who drove in three runs, each had three hits. Brian McRae had

Mark McGwire hit his first runs in screen career at hint home run for Oakland since against John Dolesty.

White Sox 4, Rangers 9: Wilson Alvarez pitched two-hit ball for eight innings as Chicago, playing at home, beat Texas. Darrin Jackson's RBI double

to load the bases before Wade
Boggs's sacrifice fly scored Velarde to make it 2-1.

Don Mattingly doubled in
Gallego for a 3-1 lead, and Carl
Willis relieved Guthrie. Willis gave up a two-run single to Jim
Leyritz and a two-run homet to

third. He is 9-for-27 with three straight day and 5m Phone home runs and 10 RBIs in seven, had the first two-homes games since being acquired his career leading Cleveland from Milwaukee last week.

The Indians, who had their 105 means with man and 10-game, with mining stream is stopped Tuesday might, now relation for an 11-game homestand at Jacobs field, where they are won 19 m a row,

Alomar bit a three run three hits. Brian McRae had homer. Thome, hit two sold two hits and drove in two runs. shots, giving him three home.

Players Preparing Counterproposal

WASHINGTON - Donald Fehr, head of the players union, said his group is preparing to present the owners with a series of proposals as an alternative to management's plan that calls for a a hunt on players' salaries.

Fehr was in Washington to lobby for passage of legislation, that would strip Major League. Baseball of its antitrust exemption in labor matters.

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The Atlanta Braves's Greg the tying run.

York Mets. "I just made a bad throw." he

said. "No excuses. I launched Maddux had retired 16 bat-

Maddux had his usual pinpoint

Fernando Vina put down a

The Braves took a 2-0 lead in

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Padres 7, Dodgers 6: Rookie

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NL ROUNDUP son and Hare scored when

Maddux threw wide of first and into the right field bullpen area. Jose Vizcaino then drove in Vina with a sacrifice fly.

The Mets' John Franco then pitched the ninth for his 17th save this season, and 253d in ters in a row and was leading, 2- the majors, the most by a leftl, in the eighth when pinch- hander. He was previously tied compiled embarrassing totals rout visiting Houston.

control. Throwing to first base sacrifice bunt, but raced all the way to third as Ryan Thomporums by Roberto Kelly and Jeff way to third as Ryan Thomporums by Roberto Kelly and Jeff an RRI double in the seventh burgh held off Philadelphia for Blauser. The Mets closed to 2-1 on Thompson's RBI single in the second.

Expos 6, Cardinals 4: Larry Walker hit a three-run homer and Moises Alou a solo shot in St. Louis as Montreal Bob Tewksbury's career-worst

Tewksbury has been stuck on eight victories for six starts, all losses, during which he has RBIs and four hits in helping

an RBI double in the seventh that gave San Diego its victory over visiting Los Angeles. San Diego blew a 6-2 lead in the top of the seventh when Raul Mondesi hit a three-run

homer, his 10th, and Carlos Hernandez a solo shot. Rockies 14, Astros 5: Dante Bichette hit two homers and tied Colorado records with five

its seventh straight victory at Reds 4. Giants 3: Barry Lar-

kin's two-out single in the ninth in Cincinnati handed San Francisco its 11th loss in 13 games.

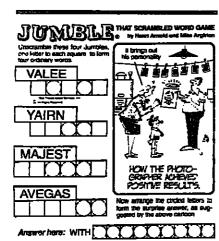
Reggie Sanders singled home a run with two out in the eighth to give the Reds a 3-2 lead. But Matt Williams hit his NL-leading 24th homer in the ninth to halt a 2-for-27 skid slump.

law, a strike could probably be avoided since baseball's players and owners could settle their differences in court as have players in the National Football League and National Basketball Association in recent years. Baseball is currently the

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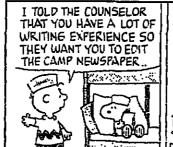
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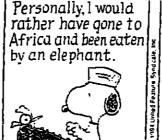
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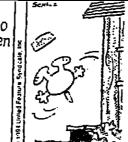
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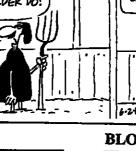




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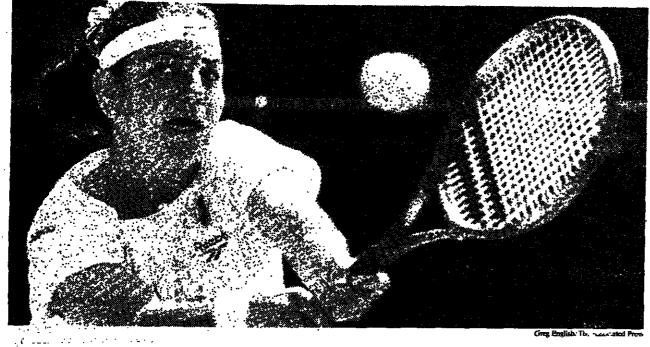
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The Michael Jordan Watch

WEDNESDAY'S GAME: Jordon was 4-for-3 in the Borons' 5-2 loss to Nostrville. Jordon struck out in the second and fifth hadings, filed to left field in the seventh and worked to the ninth. He had four putouts in right field.

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Bruguera of Spain (above, left) and Stefan Edberg of Sweden during the second round at Wimbledon. Bruguera, the French Open champion, managed to hold on in a five-set match of 4 hours, 22 minutes to defeat Patrick Rafter of Australia. But the third-seeded Edberg, twice champ at Wimbledon, lost in five sets to 113th-ranked Kenneth Carlsen of Denmark. Arantxa Sánchez Vicario of Spain, the French Open women's champion, defeated Maria José Gaidano of Argentina, 6-2, 6-1. Sánchez Vicario is now the favorite at Wimbledon after Steffi Graf lost in the first round.

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simo, has been hired to coach the Portland Trail Blazers of the NBA, getting a five-year contract that will pay him \$1.5 million a

Carlesimo, university's coach since 1982, was flying to Portland for the announcement Wednesday afternoon. He replaces Rick Adelman, who was fired on May 12.

Philadelphia's coach. He was hired by Bob Clarke, the team's new general manager and president.

For the Record

The Los Angeles Raiders and the Coliseum Commission signed an agreement, ending five months of uncertainty about where the NFL team would play this season.

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in the world, said be

Lenny Dykstra, the Philadelphia Phillies' outfielder, was listed in good condition after undergoing surgery for appendicitis. (AP) for his second straight earlyJackie Harris became the NFL's highest paid tight end, signing
a \$7.6 million, four-year contract with Tampa Bay. (AP)

a \$1 million deal with the Williams-Renault team, several English newspapers reported. $\overline{(AP)}$

Edberg and Courier Join Exodus at Wimbledon

By Leonard Shapiro

Wishington Post Service
WIMBLEDON, England —
First it was Steffi Graf. Then
Michael Stich. And now Stefan Edberg. All past champions, all high seeds, and now all eliminated even before the start of the third round.

And Jim Courier, last year's

runner-up.
What a wild and wonderful Wimbledon it's been, and they've only been playing four

On a delightfully sunny afternoon, Kenneth Carlsen, a crisply cool 21-year-old Danish player ranked 113th in the world, found his way back to center court Thursday for the second time and played as if he'd been hitting winners there all his life.

After dropping the first two sets on tiebreakers, the first on Wednesday evening before darkness stopped play, and af-ter watching Edberg save five match points in his last service game of the final set, Carlsen's nerves and his serves held up splendidly to close out a stirring, 6-7 (8-6), 6-7 (8-6), 6-2, 6-4, 6-4 victory.

Then the fifth-seeded Courier, winner of four Grand Slams, was sent packing by Guy Forget, who has been sidelined for most of a year by knee surgery. He has fallen to 1,130th in the

The French player, who before winning his first-round match here had last posted a regular tour victory in March 1993, won by 3-6, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3,

"He played well. He deserved to win. It's quite simple," Con-rier said. "Fin always in danger when playing a good serve and volley player on grass. "It's a dangerous surface."

Petr Korda, the 11th seed, fared little better, blowing a two-set lead to Markus Zoecke of Germany, 4-6, 6-7 (7-5), 6-3,

6-2.6-4. In all, seven of the 16 men's

seeds have not reached the third

Among the survivors Thursday were No. 4 Goran Ivanisevic, a 6-2, 7-6 (7-4) winner over Alexander Mronz of Germany, and Boris Becker, the threeseventh seed, who fought off three set points in the first set, then won, 7-6 (8-6), 6-2, 6-4, over countryman Arne Thoms on center court.

Edberg, the two-time Wim-bledon champion from Sweden, and No. 3 in the world, said he had no one to blame but himself ousted in the first round of the French Open and, two weeks ago, he lost in the quarterfinals

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nice event to play, one of the highlights of the year," said Edberg, who now lives in London.

The said that's important, especially on grass."

Fourth-seeded Martina Navmy own fault, nobody else."
That's been the litany of all

the big-name losers these first 37. few days in a tournament that now offers all manner of intriguing possibilities..
I think everybody thinks

they can beat their opponent every time they go onto the court," Carlsen said, "because every player plays well now. No player can be sure to win the match if they don't do their best. I mean even the qualifiers who get through the qualifying like (Bryan) Shelton. He beat Stich. Very good players are there. It's very tough."

The two-time French Open champion, Sergei Bruguera, found that out on Court 1. Seeded eighth here primarily because he's far better than clay than grass courts, he won the last eight points to finally put away Australian Patrick Rafter,

In other second-round men's matches, ninth-seeded Andrei Slava Dosedol of the Czech Re-

On the women's side, secondseeded Arancha Sánchez Vicario, the French Open champion, had little difficulty

of the Queen's, a grass warm-up for Wimbledon.

"It's sad because it's such a now. Mentally, I feel very good,

berg, who now lives in London.
"Unfortunately, I'm out of it.
"Unfortunately, I'm out of it."
Fourth-seeded Martina Navratilova routed Sandra Cecchini and I just have to accept it. It's of Italy, 6-2, 6-0, to remain in contention for a 10th title at her farewell to Wimbledon at age

> For Carlsen, the critical factor against Edberg was his serve. He put 64 percent of his first serves in, with 14 aces against the Swede.

> "That's been my problem for some time, not having a stable first serve," he said. "Some matches I was playing unbelievable service and some I didn't get a first serve in. On grass, I'm just concentrating on getting as many in as possible."

> Carlsen, who said he abandoned swimming and took tennis when he was nine, had only played Edberg once before in Davis Cup competition, losing in three sets in a meaningless match after Sweden had already advanced in March.

"I knew I could win at least , 7-6 (7-4), 3-6, 4-6, 7-4, 13-11, one set, so why not three," he in 4 hours, 21 minutes. said. "I was very positive going into the match."

Edberg was hardly devastat-Medvedev rallied to defeat ed by the loss, and even managed to keep his sense of humor. public, 3-6, 7-5, 6-1, 6-4, and 15th-seeded Yevgeni Kafelnikov, the up-and-coming Russian who is playing in his first Wimbledon, ousted Karsten Braasch of Germany, 6-1, 6-1, And would he pop over to Wimbledon agent to keep his sense of minior.

Asked what he'd do for the next ten days of the tournament, he said, "I haven't got a clue. I'm going home today, I know that.

That's my next plan."

Wimbledon to watch the rest of the tournament?

"Normally I don't, and I doubt that I will. I really haven't got a clue.' defeating Maria José Gaidano of Argentina, 6-2, 6-1. Afterward she proclaimed: "The show he feels."

Results From Wimbledon

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WOMEN'S SINGLES

Helena Sukova (17), Czech Republic, def. Putricia Torobini, Argentina, 6-4, 6-2; Arastus Sanchez Vicario (2), Spoin, def. Mo-rio Jass Galdana, Argentina, 6-2, 6-1; Zina Garrison Jockson (13), U.S., def. Mercedes ber Area 6 (7-3); Jerdi Burllio, Spoin, def. Andrei Olhovskiy, Russia, 6-6, 6-1, 6-3; Doniel Vacek,
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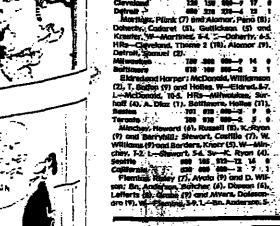
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Nigel Mansell will return to Formula One racing and has signed

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The Day Soccer Got a Root Down in the Foreign Fields of America

By Ian Thomsen

International Herald Tribune PASADENA, California - The ball in the Colombian goal was like a seed, never mind how it got there. The confidence of the American players grew from that seed, and their confidence was like new ivy growing out across the soft green floor of America's grandest football stadium.

It shot up through the aisles to the frames of the scoreboards, which on Wednesday had this to say: USA 2, Colombia 1. If not for that, you would not have believed the rest of it - hundreds of American flags whipping and no wind in the air; the singing of "U-S-A, U-S-A," which attained the pitch of a heavy loco-motive circling the Rose Bowl time after time. Shut your eyes for a moment and you began to doubt you were here; open them and you realized that no one has ever experienced anything like this at a soccer game in America.

USA 2, Colombia 1. The Americans hadn't won a World Cup finals match since their 1-0 victory over England in the Brazilian mining town of Belo Horizonte on June 29, 1950. The English blamed a rutty pitch, the Colombians can blame their own terrorists, who reportedly threatened by fax to blow up the families of midfielder Gabriel Gomez and the team's coach, Francisco Maturana, if Gómez played Wednesday. While the scorer in 1950 was the Haitian-born Joe Gaetjens, who headed in a cross bob-bled by the England goalkeeper, the U.S. scorers 44 years later were a striker born in

The Americans are almost certain of advancing from the first round for the first time since the inaugural 1930 World Cup.
They share the lead in Group A with the
Swiss, each with four points. The Colombians were favored by Pele to win the title they beat Argentina by 5-0 in Buenos Aires. never forget - but with zero points from two matches they are likely to return home next week. Their small hope for a "wild card" berth is to beat Switzerland by a wide margin on Sunday while relying on the United States to beat Romania, and then hope the tiebreakers work in their favor.

"It's the single most important game in the history of soccer in this country," said Alan Rothenberg, the Los Angeles attorney who oversees this World Cup as well as the U.S. Soccer Federation. "1950 was a fluke - that game went by in a flash. This one is going to have permanent impact."

If soccer does catch on in the United States, it began doing so here Wednesday.

After a passive 1-1 draw with Switzerland last weekend, the Americans seemed destined to become the first host nation in 15 World Cups to fall out in the first round.

The Colombians, upset by Romania in their opener, were attacking on their right side via right-side midfielder Fredy Rincon, who simply could not be stopped short of the U.S. goalkeeper, Tony Meola of Kearney, New Jersey. The U.S. team was pushing the other way via its left-side midfielder, John Harkes of Kearney. New

determined to beat Rincon to the punch.

Kearney is a northern immigrant town, its youth heavily influenced by Pele's New York Cosmos of the mid-1970s. The Italian Meola mousses his hair and ties it in a nub at the back. The New York Yankees drafted him seven years ago, and even now, in goal, hulking and slightly hunched, he looks as if he ought to be spitting tobacco.

At Meola's urging, his teammates took a

big leap of faith, pushing forward when they clearly felt in their hearts that they should be lying back.

A surprise starter in the defense was Fernando Clavijo, a reformed indoor player who in spite of his age. 37, is one of the faster Americans. He seemed to be part of a prevent-defense strategy against the nifty, lightning-fast Colombians. And, for a long while Meola's defenders expressed their doubts - whether it was U.S. defender Marcelo Balboa casually passing back a near-opportunity for Rincon, or Alexi Lalas of the United States waiting to set up a play before rocketing a useless ball over everybody, or Paul Caliguiri occasionally waiting too long to get the ball away to

In the meantime. Rincon was showing off and causing great American distress. A vicious shot from Herman Gaviria bounced off Meola, and the inrushing American midfielder Mike Sorber chested the ball off of his own post. Antony de

While the Colombians were more intimidating, the Americans broke back in Harkes's image. Milutinovic has tried to put in a system of ball control, but that was forsaken in the helter-skelter of the first half. Before the Colombians knew it, Harkes was sending ball after ball forward

thalks was sending bail after ball forward to Eric Wynalda and Ernie Stewart, the aforementioned Dutchman of a U.S. Air Force father.

Two hours before the game, according to a team spokesman, terrorists sent a fear in the forward a real threat, every American response a surprise. The surprises included two good ones in the 28th minute, the first a running corner header by Balboa over the bar, then Wynalda's shot through a defender's legs and against the far post.

Then the goal: In the 35th minute there was a low cross from Harkes attempting to lead Stewart into the box. In fact, Stewart was blotted out by Colombia's period to a defender with a stempting to lead Stewart into the box. In fact, Stewart was blotted out by Colombia's period to a defender with a stempting to lead Stewart into the box. In fact, Stewart was blotted out by Colombia's period to a stempt to happen to me," the 34-year-old Gomes in the 28th minutes before lickoff. "My career defender, Andres Escobar was able to get a leg on the ball. But it had more force than he imagined and deflected off his shin and behind his beleaguered goalkeeper, Occar Cordoba, into the net, while he sat holding his knees. He had given the United States its first lead in 44 years.

Over the next few minutes you began to realize that it had been quite some time since the Colombians had bothered Meola.

tion for Stewart and he would have had an open-net goal.

Maturana would admit that his team had been burdened as favorite; trailing by 1-0 at halftime, it seemed as though the death threat and the own-goal had taken their Colombians' last breath of life.

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the acea American simulation pane incoments after a goal by Lalas was disallowed by a questionable offside call. In the 32d minute, the Americans began playing with the ball at midfield in ways that were immaginable before Militanovic's arrival three years ago. Back and forth, swiftly.



Alexi Lalas, U.S. defender, waving the flag in jubilation after the Americans scored a stunning 2-1 upset of Colombia.

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Milutinovic: More Than Lucky

PASADENA, California — He is a footballing gypsey who some see as a genius, others as a talisman of a coach with the knack for dropping in at the right places at opportune times. It must be more than luck. For Bora

Milutinovic has now charmed Mexico. Costa Rica and the United States beyond their station at successive World Cups.

The fellow blends teams from disparate parts. He wiles away Rob Hughes Hughes

cunning and laughter, and what his latest adopted country would call positive mental atti-

He has coaxed Team America to World Cup credibility, helped 22 players to pool bonuses of \$575,000 for reaching Round 2. When the moment of acclamation came, when Milutinovic wrestled clear of eu-phoric players in the splendid Pasadena Rose Bowl, he had to wipe his spectacles. That wasn't because of Hollywood's in-

famous smog. Nor was it the hot air bellowed out by the 93,194 spectators, many of whom turned tail-gate parties into night-long jamborees. As Mexicans and Costa Ricans can testify, moisture affects Milutinovic's view on four-year success

His emotional commitment is extreme, the spirit contagious. He can be thinskinned and volatile, but it matters not that some players snigger behind his back, muttering mutinous oaths concerning his methods and his madness.

The point is, in three languages, three dialects anyway, they carried out his plan. They may not, of course, have understood it. He may not always know how it will come out.

It is difficult when the coach mixes instinct with theory; difficult and sometimes hilarious when he delivers in combinations of five languages. But then, soccer is a lingua franca. President Bill Clinton pronounced as much a week ago, approximately three decades since it became the moving spirit of the Milutinovic siblings. Bora and two brothers all played for the Partizan Belgrade side of the 1960s. Bora. the youngest, did the running for the other two, though later in his nomadic career he hur in Switzerland, for Monaco, then Nice and Rouen in France, and finally UNAM

and father a daughter.

Later, this energetic, eager, opportunistic little nomad began plying his trade by telling — usually with demonstrative body language — players what to do. His rest-less spirit moved him from clubs to national teams, from Mexico via Italy, Argentina and Costa Rica to Mission Vicio.

This \$3.3 million Californian retreat is the training base where, morning and night, he can use floodlit pitches to turn college boys into men who can hold their own with World Cup stars,

Not all came through the college system. Not all are full-blooded Americans. Like other managers, Milutinovic is adept at playing the family-tree game and at finding residential loopholes to claim talented individuals, in America's case often Hispanics whose spark is in the genes.

In Wednesday's victory, Tab Ramos

was more inspirational than any Colombian. We all have our theories as to why the Colombians were so lethargic, why their explosive and exciting skills were dormant. One is that Gabriel Gomez feared to even to appear on the bench after a faxed warning that his family would be blown up in their home if he played and Colombia won. Gomez was the lone absentee, but others seemed to have switched off in men-

tal sympathy with him. Team officials refused to confirm or deny that, or other rumors of strife on the squad. But while the Colombians, with infinitely greater individual flair, could never get it together, Ramos, born and raised in Uruguay, was the spearhead of the U.S. counterattacks.

He had help. Solid, committed running from Tom Dooley, the German son of an American serviceman; from Ernie Stewart, the sprinter born in the Netherlands.

But the core of Milutinovic's racial and cultural mix also harnesses home-born and blueberry-pie-eating Yanks. You'd guess that from their names; the agile goalie, Tony Meola; the guitar strumming Alexi Lalas, the rock solid Marcelo Balboa.

nur in Switzerland, for Monaco, then Nice and Rouen in France, and finally UNAM purpose in Mexico.

His game gathered guile so that he could plot and pass and point for others to run, this salary progressed from "the equivalent to two lousy cents" in Belgrade to a healthy remuneration on which to marry and father a daughter.

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There was a time when America's style was straight-jacketech when a defensive player like Balson a Chicagan out of Shir Diego University, would have lost his place on the roster for such a show of flamboyant independence.

Independence is the name of Bora Milittinovic's game. He coaches a framework which requires more running from most of his players then most other squads do af-this World Cup. But he condoites excite-ment within that, he believes in the game going forward whenever possible.

Straight forward, the way he combs his hair. In both cases it helps disguise what isn't there. It binds the team spirit. It unnerves teams of sharp attack but un-steady defense, like Columbia's.

But attack as the best form of defense will take Americans only so far, Should they run into Germany in this icomnament, that — just as surely as we were that. Colombia would be too skilled and too knowledgable for them - will be the end THE LOSG

Sooner or later, Milutinovic will move on. He is just passing through, gathering riches and tributes, but stopping a while to feel his roots.

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Recently in Amsterdam, he toured the museums. Coming down the steps of the Anne Frank House, a companion noticed that Milutinovic had been crying. Why not? Emotion is part of the man, and the wretched sadness of war has been with him since he lost his own parents that way in what was Yugoslavia.

Soccer isn't any kind of a war. But it is a passion, a winner-take-all of pride and emotion. And Boro Milutinovic knows better than most that you don't have to like everything about the guys you share a passion with. You just need to know why you are there and what your aim in life is Go, U.S. Gol.

Rob Hugher is on the staff of The Times



U.S. fans, dressed in patriotic garb, could hardly believe their eyes as their team defeated Colombia at the Rose Bowl.

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cut both ways for the group of fans stranded by an English tour operator, then rescued by American benefactors. "At the beginning, it was terrible," said

Alan Ashe, 30, a Dublin appliance repairman. "It was cruel. We talked about coming home. But everybody in Boston has been bril-

liant to us. They've made the whole trip for

One thing you have to say and that's "Thank you to everybody."

A group of 79 fans who had paid \$2,175 apiece were stranded in Saugus, near Boston, said Gerry McGrath, 43, a spokesman for the group. They were apparently bilked by an English tour operator that failed to provide them with transportation and tickets for World Cup games in New Jersey and Florida, including last Saturday's big

Dan Pranka, the owner of Sports King, a

said he had arranged discount air fares to Ireland's game with Mexico on Friday in Orlando, Florida, and had collected enough donations to pay for tickets to the

Thomas Flatley, an Irish-American real estate developer and hotel chain owner, said he would spend about \$14,000 to pay the air fares Pranka arranged to Orlando.

Flatley also said he would try to arrange bus transportation for the game Tuesday in New Jersey, in which Ireland will take on Norway.

East Coast Ticket Brokers Association. of Burlington, New Jersey, said it would donate tickets to that game. "Everything's been done and you're to-

tally sorted out," Conor O'Riordan, the Irish consul, told a group of the fans who were gathered in an Irish bar in the city's financial district Wednesday evening. "It couldn't happen anywhere else in the

world, where people would get stranded and get helped to the extent that we have been helped," said Ray Foody, 43, and Irishman who lives in London. To me. this is the American Dream.".

David Andrews, Ireland's defense and marine minister, who was returning to Ireland via Boston from a trade mission, said, "I'd like to record my appreciation for the marvelous decency of the Irish community here in Boston. They've been fantastic.

Sportex travel agency in London, the tour operator that left the fans in the lurch. said earlier this week that it was trying to put together a rescue package. But there was no new word from Sporter on-

Wednesday, McGrath said. Members of the group also got a free train ride to Foxboro Stadium and free tickets to see Argentina play Greece of Tuesday, a day after their story made headlines here.

"It could only happen in America" Foody said.

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Midfielder Alain Sutter, with teammate Alain Geiger looking on, whooped it up after a first-half goal against Romania.

Cameroon Promises Pay to Avert Strike

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STANFORD, California - Hoping to avert a strike by its World Cup team, Cameroon's soccer federation, with an assist from the government, is promising nearly \$1 million to the players.

The long-standing dispute between the players and the Cameroon federation came to a head Wednesday, when Joseph-Antoine Bell, the goalkeeper and captain, said the team was considering a boycott of

the game against Brazil on Friday.

The players reportedly have not been paid for two months and some are upset about broken financial promises that go back soveral years, Bell said. The players were supposed to be receiving a \$10,000 bonus for playing in the World Cup with an extra \$5,000 per victory.

Cameroon was the darling of the 1990

World Cup, becoming the first African nation to reach the quarterfinals. In this World Cup, Cameroon drew 2-2 with Sweden in its first game.

Bell said that the problems predate the Deher — now says more money is 1990 World Cup in Italy, a tournament he probably an additional \$400,000. did not play in, and that money from the 1990 Cup had still not been paid.

Henri Michel, the coach of the Indomitable Lions, said the dispute was seriously disrupting Cameroon's preparations for the match against Brazil. The team arrived 45 minutes late for a news conference and training session at St. Mary's College in

Moraga, near San Francisco.

"This is a serious problem," Michel, a
Frenchman, said. They no longer have any

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that have dogged the Indomitable Lions' World Cup preparations. Others have included having their main stadium closed by FIFA for safety reasons and adminis-

trative squabbling.
According to the Cameroon soccer fedcration, the government tried this week to placate the players with a suitcase containing more than \$500,000. They rejected the offer as madequate, and the government
— through the federation president, Maha Deher -now says more money is coming,

The federation, in conjunction with the government, says it is trying to solve the

problem. Deher says the problem stems from the devaluation of Cameroon's cur-

Deher said the country's sports minister, Bernard Massoua, flew to California and joined the team on Tuesday, carrying

be settled by Cameroon authorities. "FIFA has scheduled the games for them

to play," he said. "So far, Cameroon has played. We have full faith they will play Friday. They are not crazy." Tognoni said he knew of no time in which

a World Cup team had refused to play. He said should a boycott come off, the matter would be handled by FIFA's World Cup organizing committee and it could result in banishment from FIFA events.

The Portuguese players considered a strike at the 1986 World Cup, but the dispute was resolved with their federation. (AP, Reuters, AFP)

All Due Respect: Swiss Pound Romania

By Christopher Clarey

New York Times Service

PONTIAC, Michigan — "Respect Switzerland," read the banner, engulfed in the familiar red-and-white flags.

After the performance against Romania, such public pleas seem unnecessary. Coach Roy Hodgson's well-balanced team, one of the surprises of World Cup qualifying, can

no longer be taken lightly by anyone. The 4-1 victory Wednesday over Gheorghe Hagi and the Romanians was Switzerland's first triumph in the World Cup finals in 40 years, and it was enough to put the team atop Group A, tied with the even more surprising United States. Each has four points and one group match

The Swiss broke open the game in the second half with three goals, two from striker Adrian Knup, who missed the opening match against the United States with an ankle injury.

But Knup was only one of several players based in Germany who received less-than-neutral treatment from the cowbellclanging, flag-waving Swiss fans who filled the upper reaches of this indoor arena.

Switzerland's long-haired midfielder, Alain Sutter, was excellent again, scoring on a 60-foot (18-meter) blast in the first half. Striker Stephane Chapmisat, contained by the Americans, also broke loose, setting up Sutter's goal and scoring anoth-

In response, all the Romanians could offer was the individual brilliance of Hagi, the diminutive playmaker known as the Maradona of the Carpathians, who figured in all three Romanian goals in its 3-1 thrashing of Colombia on Sunday.

Hagi scored again Wednesday but, as any European knows, there is a big differ-ence between the Carpathians and the

Knup's return certainly strengthened the Swiss attack. With him up front, op-posing defenders could not focus their attention on Chapuisat, one of the leading scorers in the strong Bundesliga. It was Chapuisat who broke the 1-1 tie seven minutes into the second half, coming out of a scramble with the ball after a corner kick and putting it past Bogdan Stelea, the soon-to-be-beleaguered Romanian goal-

Fifteen minutes later, midfielder Ciriaco Sforza took advantage of some more lackluster Romanian marking to break free down the right side and set up Knup's first goal. He would score again in the 73d minute on a header off a long free kick

from 36-year-old Georges Bregy. Despite the roars from the Swiss supporters, Hagi and the Romanians dominated play in the opening minutes: backheeling, flicking and controlling the ball with apparent ease.

The Swiss looked disoriented as Hagi curied in three left-footed corner kicks to set up decent chances. But then Sutter, Switzerland's rising star in midfield, made his presence felt.

With 13 minutes gone, he fought his way through a tackle just outside the Romanian box and passed to Alain Geiger, who quickly pushed the ball back to Sutter. One-on-one against the goalkeeper, Sutter put the ball in the lower right corner and began celebrating, but the linesman's flag had gone up: Sutter was offside.

Angrily, he trotted back up field, muttering to himself with his long blond hair flapping against the back of his red jersey.

Two minutes later, his teammate, Christophe Ohrel, broke free down the right side and crossed into Chapuisat, who tapped the ball back out of the box. The streaking Sutter met it at full stride from 60 feet out and blasted it into precisely the same corner of the goal. This time it counted.

But the Romanians bounced back quickly and began playing more aggressively on defense. The equalizer would not come until the 36th minute and, predictably, it was Hagi who provided it, somehow dribbling up unmarked and surprising the Swiss defenders by shooting and scoring from 30 yards out.

The goal was Romania's fourth of the tournament, and the remarkably gifted Hagi has been a factor in all four: scoring twice and assisting on the other two.

His goal against the Colombians came from even longer range, but that time he was helped by goalkeeper Oscar Córdoba's poor positioning. This time, the Swiss goal-keeper, Marco Pascolo, stayed on his line.

WORLD CUP WRAP-UP

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches LONDON - An unidentified Melbourne-based businessman bet and lost a total of £67,500 (\$103,800) when Romania and Colombia lost their matches Wednesday.

The Australian staked £40,000 on Romania to beat Switzerland at odds of 6-5 and laid out £27,500 on Colombia to beat the United States at odds of 6-4 on, the bookmakers William Hills said.

William Hills spokesman Graham Sharpe said:

"We took some £500,000 for Colombia to beat the U.S and not much less for Romania to beat Switzerland in probably the biggest-ever betting plunge on football, said a spokesman for the bookmaker.

Ladbrokes' odds for Thursday listed Brazil as a 9-4 favorite, with Germany at 3-1, Italy at 7-1 and Argentina at 8-1.

Then came the Netherlands at 9-1; Spain, Ireland, Norway and Nigeria at 16-1; Romania aly-Ireland.

and Belgium at 28-1; the Unit-

Cameroon at 100-1; Colombia, down from 10-1 to 150-1 with Bulgaria, Mexico and Bolivia, and South Korea and Morocco at 250-1.

Greece and Saudi Arabia were rated least likely to win, at 500-1

● About 22,000 workers at the Hyundai Heavy Industries shipyard, who are also in a dispute over pay, voted to strike prus." for three hours Friday. That At happens to coincide with the telecast of South Korea's crucial match against Bolivia.

• By Tuesday's Argentina-Greece game, Alan Rothenberg, the chairman and chief executive officer of World Cup Switzerland game in Pontiac, silver-grayish shirt was too Manchester and the West Mid-Michigan, then jetting to East close in color to the denim blue lands," said a Guinness spokes-Rutherford, New Jersey, for It- and

"My wife said she was going ed States and Switzerland at 40- to sell our bed," Rothenberg Sweden at 50-1; Russia at 80- said. "When I come home, there's going to be an airline

> Some Greeks took advantage of the world-wide television audience of their team's match with Argentina to get out political messages.

> Planes repeatedly flew over the stadium, carrying trailers with messages such as "Macedonia Is Greek" and "Free Cy-At RFK Stadium in Wash-

ington, the political message was more parochial. A banner unfurled during Sunday's Norway-Mexico match read: "Baseball in D.C."

• Referee Fabio Baldas had to make a swift shirt switch ear-USA 1994, had visited six cities, ly in the Colombia-U.S. match. pubs selling their week's supply to be at opening ceremonies at those stadiums. Saturday, he doubled up, attending the U.S.

Baldas, from Italy, changed in one night, particularly in articular into a purple shirt at the 14th minute, apparently because his like north London, Liverpool, doubled up, attending the U.S. minute, apparently because his

players. With the United States

on the attack early on, midfielder John Harkes made a pass almost directly to the referee. There were no U.S. players in the vicinity.

 Argentina midfielder Diego Simeone said he had signed a five-year contract with Atletico Madrid. He has played for Sevilla for the last two seasons.

 As Ireland's team battles against dehydration in the stifling heat of Florida, its fans in Britain also fear a loss of liq-

Stout sales surged on Saturday as drinkers celebrated the triumph over Italy, and some pub landlords have ordered emergency supplies of "the black stuff" after running dry at

the start of the week. "We've had reports of some

(Reuters, AP, NYT, AFP)



Diego Maradona, who scored a goal in Argentina's 4-0 thrashing of Greece, being escorted from a training session.

Dissension Reaches the Germans said. "We have the people to play our way out of trouble. Lother is wasted there." which they would look at a video of the Spanish match and discuss their mistakes. It was Still Contenders (at Least Contentious)

Complete Our Stuff From Disposches
CHRCAGO — The first bickering has surfaced in Germany's camp, with defender Thomas Berthold calling for a shake-up of the team and say-ing the coach, Berti Vogts, has been wrong in insisting that the

been wrong in insisting that the team is playing well.

While Vogts has been conservative with his criticism of the defending champions despite two below par performances. Berthold said Wednesday: "It can't be this when the trainer says after every game that we are playing well when all the world can see it is not true.

I have told him that. We should call a spade a spade. We have to do much more to win the World Cup. What we have produced so far has been terri-ble."

Berthold said he would prefer that the team's captain. Lothar Matthaus, move forward from hibero to his old position in the do. Not everyone is doing it," midfield, where he could be he said. "We haven't played so more dangerous.

"When we look at the way the other teams are playing, I think it would be better to have on the day off, were to hold a a simple back four," Berthold team meeting Thursday at

Vogts's decision to move the

33-year-old Matthaus from some time. midfield into the sweeper's role 18 months ago was controver-sial, and made largely to give Andy Möller the space in midfield to become the main playmaker. But while Möller is certainly

talented, he has not yet shown the same inspiration that Matthaus has provided in the past when the Germans were in trouble.

With the Germans almost certain to win Group C, it is unlikely Vogts will change his tactics at such a late stage.
But Berthold has a reputa-

tion for being outspoken, and while teammates were being diplomatic with the press on Wednesday, the 29-year-old VIB Stuttgart player let fire. "Every player has their job to

many high, long balls forward for a long time. The players, having been giveo of the Spanish match and discuss their mistakes. It was likely the meeting would last

• Ireland's campaign took a blow when striker Tony Cascarino ruled himself out of Fri-day's match against Mexico. He was uncertain for the last firstround game, with Norway next Tuesday.

Cascarino hurt his left leg calf muscle two weeks ago and has not trained since. Mexico's coach, Miguel Me-

jía Baron, irritated by reports that members of the national federation have criticized his players, as well as mounting pressure from the Mexican media for changes, made three for Friday's match. He left out defender Raul

Gutiérrez, midfielder Benjamin Galindo and midfielder Luis Valdéz, naming Alberto García Aspe, a left-footed playmaker who was suspended for the opening game, experienced striker Carlos Hermosillo and utility midfielder Jorge Rodriguez to replace them.



Jack Charlton, Ireland's coach, during a practice ses-

By Santiago O'Donnell ing to be the team that remains focused Washington Post Service WELLESLEY, Massachusetts — It bethroughout the tournament, and that's

gan as an innocent game of foot-volleyball, three players on each side of a wooden bench, one team led by midfielder Diego Maradona, the other by striker Gabriel Batistuta The Argentine team was in the midst of

a light practice at its Babson College headquarters, a day after its 4-0 romp past Greece in its opening match at nearby Foxboro Stadium. Batistuta, who scored a hat trick against

Greece, was scoring once again against his teammates across the bench. His team was leading, 10-4, and Maradona was furious. "Nine to six!" Maradona shouted as he prepared to serve. "No way!" Batistuta shot back. From

there on, every point degenerated into an

endless debate. The exchange between the World Cup's leading scorer and soccer's most recognizable name underscores the win-at-any-cost attitude that now makes the Argentine team one of the candidates to win the

World Cup. "This is a very evenly matched tourna-(Renters, AP) sion in Orlando, Florida, ment," said Batistuta. "The winner is gowhat we want to do." The informal 30-minute workout was an

excuse for more than 300 reporters to swarm over the Argentine players for comment in the aftermath of the game against Greece. Before, Argentina was lightly regarded by most soccer experts. Maradona, 34, the star of the 1986

World Cup, had been dismissed as an overweight has been and the Argentine team was given little chance to win the Cup again despite appearing in three of the past four championship games.

But that view changed after Argentina overwhelmed a weak Greek team and Maradona scored a spectacular goal, while leading candidates Italy and Colombia were losing. Reporters from Boston to Bangladesh were now elbowing their way toward the Argentine players to ask whether they felt vindicated. As always, Maradona monopolized.

"What would you say to all the critics who said you couldn't play anymore after vesterday's performance?" a Brazilian television reporter asked.

"I'll answer with another question: What can they say after yesterday's because we need his goals."

game?" he replied. "I give my answers in the playing field." Batistuta, 25, was asked whether he ever

expected to score a hat trick in World Cup competition.

"Never," he said, with a deadpan expression.

As a kid growing up in a small town in the Argentine pampas, he continued, he dreamed of becoming the World Cup's top scorer. But even for a deadly shooter like Batistuta — he has 25 goals in 29 matches playing for Argentina - three goals in a World Cup game was too much to expect,

he said.

"It is often said that six goals is enough to win the scoring title," said Batistuta, who plays for Fiorentina in Italy and is appearing in his first World Cup. "I'm halfway there."

As Maradona was leaving practice, he was asked about his soccer-volleyball foe. "What can I say? He's a goal scorer," the team's captain replied with a shrug, "You can give him a million passes during a game and he won't return any, because all

he thinks about is shooting at goal." Then Maradona let out a smile.

"You know what? I hope he never gives the ball back. I hope he never changes

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK - Last weekend's fun was more intense than usual. First there was Sam Donaldson interviewing Paula Jones. Then the networks convicted O. J. Simpson of murder. Afterward we went to the movies and saw Jack Nicholson turn

into a werewolf. Fun of this quality simply did not exist until now. It makes you realize how lucky we are. funwise, to be living in this day and age. Let me cannibalize my own family for material and tell you what my grandmother did for fun: Had one of her sons at the end of the day drive her out to Spring's store in Lovettsville where she had an ice-cream

Was this, or was this not, the Dark Ages of fun? On summer evenings she would sit in a rocker on the front porch talking to neighbors and relatives and watching it get dark. If you want to know how lucky we are today, imagine living in a world where fun was watching it get

dark. And talking. Whenever I think of my poor old grandmother having to talk to relatives and neighbors, I thank my lucky stars for all the machines now available for taking the drudgery out of talking and putting the fun back in.

 \Box For instance, we don't have to do any talking at all with Sam Donaldson and Paula Jones. All we have to do is listen while they talk at us.

And what fun talk it is. Jones is the first woman ever to sue a president on grounds he once made her an indecent proposal. With fun talk like that coming at you, you really wouldn't want to have to talk back. would you?

The talking machines provided even more fun than usual last weekend. As usual professional weekend talkers were on hand to fill the ears with fun abuse of President Clinton and his wife, but last weekend they also had former President Carter to abuse for our entertainment.

For really special, out-of-theordinary fun talk, however, it

machines tickle our ears and eyes with entertainment to match the conviction of O.J. Simpson. Having watched and been talked at by the machines ! could tell by cocktail time Friday that they were bound to convict Simpson of murder.

You can always tell. The tipoff is that invisible wink the TV people give you when they talk about "the presumption of innocence," after laying out the homicide division's dossier of incriminating evidence.

Assuming that neither the networks nor newspapers would sentence Simpson until Saturday, I decided to seek livelier fun at the movies. If fun is your dish — and if it's not, what kind of person are you, some out-of-date old grandmother, or something? — if fun is where your mind, such as it is, is at. you are as powerless as I am to resist Jack Nicholson.

Jack, as we "Entertainment Tonight" fun lovers call him. can overdo the ham now and then, but when the flick is titled "Wolf" fun ham is obviously what the chef meant to cook. Jack turns it into one of the outstanding fun experiences of the week, a parable about the werewolf-eat-werewolf nature of the book-publishing world since its takeover by fun-selling international conglomerates.

Fortunately I got back into the house and turned on the TV before any wretched thinking could get a toehold in my head. and sank into the great chase scene of the O. J. Simpson story. Live from coast to coast. scenes from a news helicopter in faraway La La Land were being fed into a zillion tubes.

It was the real-life fulfillment of a futuristic horror depicted in Ray Bradbury's 1950ish sci-fi novel "Fahrenheit 451." in which civilization entertains itself by watching live TV scenes of police pursuing and desiroying lawbreakers.

Grandmother was born too soon, poor old soul.

Reeling From Reality: Who Needs Fiction?

By Michiko Kakutani

TEW YORK — "The American writer in the middle of the 20th century has his hands full in trying to understand, describe and then make credible much of American reality," wrote Philip Roth in an essay in Commentary magazine.

"It stupefies, it sickens, it infuriates and finally it is even a kind of embarassment to one's own meager imagination. The actuality is continually outdoing our talents, and the culture tosses up figures almost daily that are the envy of any novelist.

Philip Roth made these observation back in 1961 - before the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, hefore the assassinations of Robert F. Kennedy and the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., before the social upheavals of the late 1960s. before Vietnam and Watergate and Iran-Contra. Since then, of course, daily life - or at least our

apprehension of it thanks to 24-hour television news and the proliferation of tabloid coverage seems to have grown curioser still. In recent months. Tonya and Nancy. Amy and Joey, the Menendez brothers and the Bobbitts have become fixtures in the national consciousness, and

now, for a few days, the sad, surreal saga of O. J. Simpson has bound the country together in a weird act of communal fascination that has led one observer after another to sigh. "Truth is stranger than

Indeed, the ability of reality to equal, even sur-pass, our most fevered imaginings has been repeat-

edly brought home to us in recent years. H. R. Haldeman's recently published diaries create a truly Strangelovian portrait of the Nixon White House, while Donald Regan's memoirs purvey a picture of the Reagan White House (in which the president's schedule was cross-referenced with readings from Nancy Reagan's [avorite astrologer] as strange as anything in "Being There." Jerzy Kosins-ki's dark political satire, published back in 1971.

Taken simply as a narrative, the Simpson case was riveting, in part because it combined elements of high tragedy (the fall of a powerful man, a sudden reversal of fortune) with elements of your run-ofthe-mill action-adventure movie (a dramatic chase).

In fact, the extraordinary public fascination with the Simpson story helps underscore two pressing matters facing the writer of imaginative fiction today: the growing marginalization of the written word in an increasingly electronic culture: and the difficulty of depicting a reality that often feels, in Tom Wolfe's words, "chaotic, fragmented, random, discontinuous; in a word, absurd.

The '60s, the critic Benjamin DeMott has observed, "brought the realization that the old primary, literary role of witness" had been stolen by television. Since then, functions of the novel have been usurped by television as well, at least usurped in the eyes of people who do not value the nuances and ambiguities of literary prose.

In the past, novels alone seemed capable of giving

us intimate knowledge of strangers's lives: today that role tends to be filled, however deceptively, by confessional talk shows and autobiographies.

As we are exposed to more and more bizarre stories in the news (a woman cutting off her husband's penis, another woman who alleges that the president asked her to perform oral sex), as the old rules of civility break down, it also becomes increasingly difficult for the imaginative writer to satirize or even convincingly dramatize social conflicts. What was once regarded as parody is now often a story in

the morning news. In a recent essay, the writer Joe Queenan observed that his satiric articles about such invented absurdities as "the lateness-rights movement" and "the Home Mutual Fund Shopping Network" have actu-

ally elicited credulous responses.
"No matter how ridiculous your story is." he writes, "some people — and even a lot of people — will not get the joke." Satire and parody, after all, depend on a sense of boundaries that can be violated, taboos that can be sent up, and when reality itself possesses a quality of anything goes, it becomes harder and harder to use exaggeration and hyperbole as tools to mock.

As social codes weaken and sensationalistic news coverage proliferates, the public's shock threshold rapidly rises, resulting in an increasingly cynical and jaded audience and a general coarsening of stan-

At the same time, novelists find themselves feeling increasingly ineffectual: hard-pressed to delineate the chaotic tapestry of modern American life, hardpressed even to capture their audience's attention. Tom Wolfe's advice for novelists - taken by himself in "Bonfire of the Vanities" and by writers like Richard Price in "Clockers" — is to "head out: into this wild, bizarre, unpredictable, Hog-stomping Baroque country of ours and reclaim it as literary

The answer." he wrote in a much-discussed article in Harper's magazine, "is not to leave the rude beast, the material, also known as the life around us, to the journalists, but to do what journalists do, or are supposed to do, which is to wrestle the beast and

bring it to terms."

This is what Zola did a century ago, and what Norman Mailer did in his "true-life novel." "The

Executioner's Song."
While novelists like Philip Roth, D. M. Thomas and Harold Brodkey have reacted to the weirdness of contemporary reality by focusing on the private realm of the self, others like Salman Rushdie have responded by embracing the fantastical techniques

In 1989, however, when Rushdie's novel "The Satanic Verses" led to his being placed under a death sentence by the Ayatollah Khomeini, he too, discovered that real life has a way of surpassing even the most surreal imaginings of a novelist

As Mark Twain once remarked, "Truth IS stranger than fiction, but it is because Fiction is obliged to stick to possiblities; Truth isn't."

WEEKEND DESTINATIONS

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The \$300,000 Trailer: Wayne Newton's Folly

How do you spend 5300,000 renovating a trailer? Ask Wayne Newton. The enterminer built a swimming pool with a wrap-around pine deck, a gazeto with a tanning bed and too tub, and he also built a road from the trailer to a cave on the property near Ozark, Missourt - after the applied for bankruptcy protecnon in 1992 Next werk his creditors lawyers will ask a judge to seze Newton's assets to pay debts of \$29 million.

After Garry Kesperer bolton from the International Chesi Federation, he and British grandmaster Nigel Short formed the rival Professional Chiess Association a group searching for composite spoissors. So far, 90 of the world's top 100 players have signed up. The main holdon; Assets Karper, Kaspanov's longtime road.

Tonya Harding is country to the big screen, not as a figure skater but as a feasty wantes, running from the most. The film titled "Breakaway" was written by Sean Desh and Kacciamber. who are from Harding's home-town of Berver Creek; Oregon

He likes good food, fine wine and soft masse. What the famed and soft music. What the famed freelbader known as the Food Pirate doesn? like is paying the bill. A Dinch court found William G. guilty again this week but this time didn't sentence him to jail. When he's presented with the fame of all when he's presented with the fame of all prints. with the hill. William C. admins the has no money He often spends the night in last and is then released. He has been asrested at least 97 times since doesn't know what to do with him," his lawyer said. 1977. The penal system su

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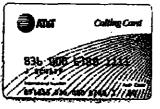
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